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We Lovingly Dedicate this Volume
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Noblest Souled
Biggest Hearted

and most Beloved Friend of all Wearers
of V. M. I. Gray

Thomas Middleton Semmes



THOMAS MIDDLETON SEMMES

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COL. THOS. M. SEMMES, Professor of Modern Languages in the Virginia Military Institute for thirty-seven years, died at his home on the parade grounds between four and five o'clock on the afternoon of November the twenty-sixth, 1904.

His health had been gradually failing since a severe attack of sickness in the late winter of last year, which, bringing about organic complications, paved the way for the undermining of his vigorous constitution to such an extent that the tender care of his devoted family and the zealous attentions of his skillful physicians were alike in vain to arrest the course of the fatal disease, which finally terminated his life at the age of sixty-four years.

Thomas Middleton Semmes, born at Port Royal, Caroline County, Va., on the fourth day of September, 1840, and educated in the private schools of the city of Richmond and at Richmond College, entered the Virginia Military Institute as a member of the third class in the summer of 1857, and was graduated on July the fourth, 1860, his class being the largest ever turned out from this Institution up to that time.

Appointed as Assistant Professor of the French Language after graduation, Lieutenant Semmes served in that capacity until the breaking out of the war between the States of the Federal Union in April, 1861.

He accompanied the Corps of Cadets to Richmond in the spring of that year, and later on was appointed Adjutant of an Arkansas Regiment commanded by Colonel Rust, and served in the campaign in West Virginia.

Lieutenant Semmes was ordered back to the Institute on the reorganization of the school in 1862, and served as Instructor of French until July, 1867, when he was appointed Professor of Modern Languages, which chair he filled continuously up to the time of his death.

In 1863 he married Louise, only daughter of the late Judge John W. Brockenbrough of Lexington, Va., who survives him with two sons and three daughters.

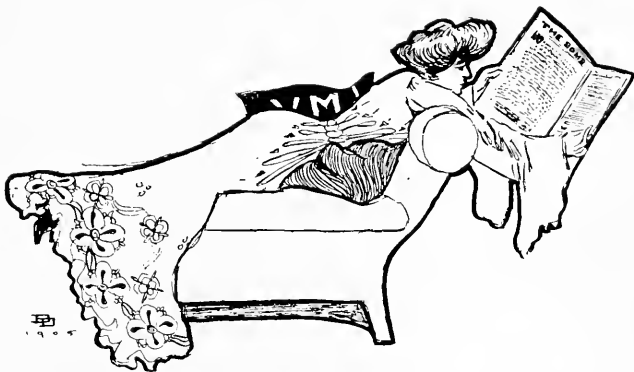
Colonel Semmes was endowed by nature with an acute and accurate mind and, although he had never had the advantages of study abroad, he acquired an easy command of the difficulties of pronunciation and of the niceties and distinctions of the foreign idiom of the languages he taught at this Institution. He combined with his knowledge brightness and sprightliness in the instruction of the class room and often relieved the tedium of routine work by the sparkles of his wit.

His unfailing courtesy, his highbred kindly nature, that softness of word which turneth away wrath, endeared him alike to colleagues and cadets, and to all who knew him.

Colonel Semmes shone with loving light in the home circle. He possessed in ample measure those domestic virtues which go so far in making up the joy and happiness of the daily family life. He was thoroughly unselfish and completely devoted in all the relations of husband and father. He regarded not himself for a moment in his consideration for his loved ones.

Their beautiful devotion and loving affection were his constant portion in life and supported and sweetened his last moments in the hour of death.





To Our Critics

If it is yours to criticise, go through this book with this fact firmly planted in your mind: "Our aim is to give the 'Old Cadets' a pleasant half hour and bring back to them the scenes and deeds that make the Institute the dearest spot on earth."

In addition, we hope that sometime in the distant future, this book will be a record of happenings and faces from which some one, cast down and despondent, may derive inspiration and renewed vigor.

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Rah! Rah! Rah! Vir-gin-ia!
Military Institute! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Hoo! Ri! Rah! Hoo! Ri!
Ri! Ri! V. M. I.!

Oskiwow, wow! Skinny, wow, wow!
V. M. I.! V. M. I.!
Wow! (Slowly.)

Hulabaloo, Rah! Rah!
Hulabaloo, Rah! Rah!
Who Rah? Who Rah?
V. M. I.! Wah! Wah!

Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
(Smith! Smith! Smith!)

Football Songs

(Tune: Down Where the Wurzburger Flows)

Take it down by down, now Cadets, till you win that goal;
We are with you, men, with all our heart and soul.
We love each who works for the dear Institute,
As he risks life and limb in his tri-colored suit;
So strive not for fame, but to uphold the name
And glory of old V. M. I.

HIKE IT, V. M. I.

(Tune: Chorus of Laid Away a Suit of Gray, etc.)

Old V. M. I. is out to die or win where'er she goes,
She'll forge her way at every play toward the goal-post of her foes;
She'll show her grit and never quit till in the dust she lies;
She will show them all how to play football—
Now, "Hike It, V. M. I.!"

RED, WHITE, AND YELLOW

(Tune: Long Metre Doxology.)

Red, White and Yellow float on high
The Institute must never die,
So now, "Keydets" with one voice cry:
God bless our team and V. M. I.



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BOOKER, WOODFIN.....Hampton, Va.

"Swear not by the moon."—Shakespeare.



"Book," "Bookety Book."

A geometrical, unsymmetrical apparition from Tidewater. Has the honor of being the most sulphurous swearer in the class; can lay "cuss words" so thick and fast upon some poor unfortunate that said unfortunate looks like a shingle roof. "Book" has a great way of requesting people to take "Three flying jumps" before going to certain places. Nothing can be done to "Teach Woodfin how to plow corn."

Matriculated 1902. Private "C" Co., rat year; Fifth Sergeant, "A" Co.; Second Lieutenant, "C" Co.; Adjutant, February-June, 1905; Captain Scrub Football Team, 1904-05; Marshal, Final Ball, '04; Marshal, Final German, '05.

BOWLES, H. WARD.....Detroit, Mich.

*"Had I a heart that falsehood framed
I ne'er could injure you."*—Sheridan.



"Nuts," "Balls," "Heine," "Bungaboo." For years living in the wilds of Michigan, and associating with other savages, he came to V. M. I. a sample of the "Noblest work of God" at about the Rough Stone Age. Has been steadily improving, though, and now only eats one "rat" a meal. Of great consistency once having said he'd "Rather be six privates than one Q. M.," he threw up his job as Q. M. and, finding he could not be differentiated into six privates, demonstrated conclusively, "That he could raise the Hell of six privates." Noted for swearing propensities about reveille every morning.

Matriculated 1902. Private, "B" Co., rat year; Quartermaster-Sergeant; Quartermaster (resigned); Second Lieutenant, "D" Co.; Official scorer for baseball.

CAMP, JOHN M. Franklin, Va.

"The man who has plenty of good peanuts and giveth his neighbor none."



"Bro. John," "Rhizapod." A youthful deacon of the old school, that has true business-like principles. He thinks the world should be run like Franklin, and can carve a turkey like a French chef. No one can mistake him on account of his "Microscopic" features. Once told Colonel Tucker that Rhizapods had "Jointed appendages." Everyone believed him but Colonel T.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Private, "A" Co.; Private, "D" Co.

CARLTON, HARRY T. Centralia, Va.

"A Mother's pride, a Father's joy."—Scott.



"Tooth," "Tooth-pick,"
"Teeth" and "Pick." "The
leader of Centralia society."
He got these above names
because he is never seen with-
out a quill in his mouth, and
everyone knows he is a born
leader. Constitutes one of the
trio in 62. Delights in the
good old tales of "Gay Paris,"
and his knowledge of Elec-
tricity classes him as one of
"Monk's Magnets."

Matriculated 1901. Private,
"D" Co., rat year; Corporal,
"D" Co.; Fourth Sergeant,
"D" Co.; Member of Color
Guard; Second Lieutenant,
"C" Co.; Second Assistant
Advertising Editor of Bomb;
Assistant Librarian for two
days.

CONRAD, ROBERT Y.....Winchester, Va.

*"I am monarch o'er all I survey,
My right there is none to dispute."*—Cowper.



"Bull," "R. Y.," "Black Bob." Came to V. M. I. to shout, and teach the art of how not to get busted on 50 demerits per month. Dislikes books as much as he likes athletics and likes nothing better than raising another "Rough-house" with "Heine" for the house. Is known as the "Bold bad man," due to his ability to bluff all professors on all subjects; can argue some, and once wrote a book on women. Has a mania for making goo-goo eyes at the camera.

Matriculated 1902. Private, "D" Co., rat year; First Color Sergeant; First Lieutenant, "A" Co.; Right Field, Baseball, 1903-04; Captain and First Base, Baseball, 1904-05; Track Team, 1904-05; Right Tackle, Football, 1903-04; Substitute, Football Team, 1904-05; Illustrating Editor of BOMB; Marshal, Final Ball; Assistant Leader, Final German.

CRAIGHILL, M. LANGHORNE. Lynchburg, Va.

"Procrastination is the thief of time."—Young.



"Lang," "Langstaff." Example of high life, from living on top of the highest of the hills of Lynchburg to discussing painting of chimneys as high art. Proposed to Washington Monument, because he said his aspirations were always high. Very bold, and just don't give a hang; says "By golly" whenever he chooses, and wonders why people don't blush. Inventor of famous labor-saving scheme, "Always put things off until it's too late to do them."

Matriculated 1902. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Second, Color Sergeant; First Lieutenant, "B" Co.; President, Final Ball; Assistant Manager, Football, 1903-04; Manager, Football, 1904-05; Gym Team, 1903-04; Captain Gym Team, 1904-05.

EGLIN, HENRY W. T. Lewinsville, Va.

"Wiser in his own conceit than seven men can render reason."—Pope.



"Alphabet Eglin," "H. W. T.," "Marse Tom," "Handsome," author of "Beauty of Man," also joint author with "Bull" Conrad of a very instructive as well as destructive article on "How permits should be written." Receives letters from everywhere all in feminine handwriting, but is really in love with none but himself. Gets in a rage when his name is pronounced like the watch manufacturer. From where he came the natives ran themselves to death last summer trying to see the back wheels of a cart catch up to the front wheels. Once saw a beer mug and asked what it was, said they use fire engine and hose where he comes from. Plays "Seraphim" in the play of the "Unheavenly Twins" to Joe Marshall's "Cherubim." In short, "Marse Tom" is by far the best looking man in the class.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "B" Co., rat year; Fourth Corporal, "D" Co.; Second Sergeant, "B" Co.; First Lieutenant, "C" Co.; Vice-president, Class 1905; Valedictorian, 1905; Athletic Committee on Bomb Staff; Marshal, Final German; President of Class 1905 and Captain of "C" Company after April 10.

HERMAN, J. ALLAN.....Danville, Va.

"A lovely being, scarcely formed or moulded."—Byron.



"Izzy," "Buzz," "Herman W." 1905 leased him for four years from Mr. Miller, who guaranteed him to be almost sane: He is as represented and in his wildest spells, says nothing worse than "Oscarwow-wow." Ambition is his motto, and he well lives up to, —"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

Matriculated 1902. Private, "A" Co., rat year; Third Sergeant, "C" Co.; Member Color Guard; Assistant Advertising Editor of Bomb; Marshal, Final German.

HOBSON, GEORGE R. Williamsburg, Va.

"Ye auburn locks, ye golden curls."—Holmes.



"Reddy," "Sal." The quiet lad of '05; perhaps it's from a broken heart, for a girl once called him "George" and ever since he has looked sad, wistful and sweet. Sings soft little cooing songs when no one is looking, and keeps 48 warm by the rays from his hair. Has a drag with "Popo-penspieler," and is "In ultimo ratio facultis."

Matriculated 1901. Private, "B" Co., rat year; Fifth Corporal, "B" Co.; Fifth Sergeant, "D" Co.; Gym Team, 1905.

JAMES, RUSSELL..... Danville, Va.

Bacchus, ever fair and young.—Dryden.



"Jesse," "Beef Trust."

Having undergone a most extensive course of civilization for four years, is now a fairly presentable specimen of what you *can* do, when you try. Ladies and gentlemen, observe the latent wildness of his eye, showing the true character. Was brought,—we won't say where from or how many it took to do the job,—and he's still going it. No matter how short the time, can always be seen pulling for town, and judging by various mementoes, he's been "Lady-Killin'." Even now plays the barbarous game of football with such delight as only the savage soul can find. Will show the President how the U. S. Army ought to be run, as soon as he kisses himself good-bye.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "A" Co., rat year; First Corporal "D" Co.; First Sergeant, "A" Co.; Captain, "A" Co.; Captain and full-back, F. B. T., 1904-05; Gym Team, 1903-04 and 1904-05; Track Team, 1903-04 and 1904-05; Athletic Commissioner for Boxer Staff; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German.

LAMONT, LOUIS C. Quantah, Tex.

"A kind and gentle heart he had to comfort friends and foes."—Goldsmith.



"Elsie," "L.C.," "Lammy."
Like Lochinvar he came out of the West, but is neither wild nor woolly, and is one of the few from the Lone Star State who does not eat six-shooters and spurs. Known to the weaker sex as "Little boy blue" and "Dreamy;" he always patronizes Saturday night permits and can tell you the number of bricks in the walk near the Episcopal Church. Holds Leap Year in deadly fear and is second only to Jo-Jo on the "Running deal."

Matriculated 1901. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Fourth Corporal, "B" Co.; Fourth Sergeant, "C" Co.; Private "C" Co.; Marshal, Final Ball; Assistant Leader, Final German; Assistant Business Manager of BOMB.

LOOP, CHESTER H. Chattanooga, Tenn.

"A good old man."—Shakespeare.



"Kink," "Ches," "Little Thing." A very large man about five feet one, who fancies the U. S. Army so he could make Shafter look small. Several years ago he left U. Va. on account of old age, and came to Lexington in his second childhood. Military discipline failed to increase his height, but it did make him a good officer and he is "One of the boys" and good to look at.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "B" Co., rat year; First Corporal, "C" Co.; First Sergeant, "C" Co.; Captain, "C" Co.; President, Class 1905; Editor-in-Chief of BOMB; Marshal, Final Ball, '04; Marshal, Final German, '05; Second Lieutenant, U. S. A.

MARSHALL, JOSEPH M., JR. Norfolk, Va.

"He hath eaten me out of house and home."—Shakespeare.



"Joe," "Sap-Head," "Jo-Jo." One of the men that keeps up the spirit in '05. He possesses a little chuckling laugh that never fails to irritate his victims, and has been known to wear out three hair brushes and six shoe brushes on his respective head and feet in one day. He is noted for his melodious voice that can always be heard at a baseball game, but sometimes uses it to sing "Heidelberg" for good marks. Joe makes frequent visits to Staunton, and it's a question as to his intentions, but circumstantial evidence points toward Mr. Miller's Sanitarium.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Fourth Corporal, "A" Co.; Second Sergeant, "C" Co.; Second Lieutenant, "A" Co.; Historian, Class 1905; Assistant Advertising Editor of Bomb; Marshal, Final Ball; Leader, Final German; President of Cotillon Club.

MARTIN, RORER J.....Martinsville, Va.

*"How shall we rank Thee upon glory's page?
Thou more than soldier, and just less than sage."*—Moore.



"Growley." Does not get his name because he growls, for, really, he is very mild and unassuming. His chief haunts are 48 and the Y. M. C. A. Hall, where he is said to have done much good, we are not certain in what way, and the only evidence of his teachings is the report of the delegates to the Richmond Convention, in which they say, "Verily have we inspected the villa of Richmond and find the moral influence bad; the church bells toll so early as to disturb the sleep of the righteous, and the theaters and beer-gardens are too few."

Matriculated 1901. Private, "A" Co., rat year; First Corporal, "B" Co.; First Sergeant, "D" Co.; Captain, "D" Co.; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German.

MORISON, RUFUS A. Gate City, Va.

*"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep."*—Bible.



"Skeeter," "Swibodi," "Mose," "Swy," "Mean Hog." Just any old name that fits. Finds this life full of troubles which he carries to his little guitar and frequently arises at 3 a. m. to give the sentinel a serenade. Can work the "Chenanagin on the cab-badaastra" or the Gim on sore eyes. Finding the Lexington society full of snares and pitfalls, spends his time in 18 singing, "Listen to my tale of woe."

Matriculated 1902. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Third Sergeant, "D" Co.; Second Lieutenant, "B" Co.; Gym Team, 1903-04 and 1904-05; Left end, Football Team, 1904-05; Manager, Track Team, 1904-05; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German.

OWEN, R. ALEX..... Lynchburg, Va.

*"He was great in mathematics as
Tycho Brake or Erra Pator,
And could figure out by geometric scale
The contents of a pot of ale."*



"Alex," "Adjutant." Would rather say "Shut up, please," than eat a square meal. When asked the principal parts of the verb "To eat," said, "Bread, Growley and Potatoes." Wears a perpetual smile and an occasional pair of trousers. Has great musical talents—plays on the Beam's feelings constantly and with success.

Matriculated 1902. Private, "B" Co., rat year; Sergeant-Major; Adjutant, September-January; Leader, Mandolin Club; Assistant Editor-in-Chief of BOMB, 1905; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German; Assistant Manager, Baseball, 1903-04; Manager, Baseball, 1904-05.

PERKINS, KENNETH S. Norfolk, Va.

*"I see the right and I approve it, too,
Condemn the wrong and thus uphold the true."—Ovid.*



"Cat," "Feet," "It," "Cat-skie of the Guard," A bump-tious, presumptuous pile of pomposity which says it does not believe in putting its arm around a girl under any circumstances. Wherefore Kenneth is neither "He" nor "She," but "It." It has more faith in the careful perusal of ceilings, and the wiggling of enormous toes than in any text-books. Has a very impressive way of prefixing its remarks by "Ah-hah," "Er-ah." Says it's the way they talk in Chili. All we can say is, "Lord have mercy on all Chilians." Has declared war eternal upon "Jesse" and "Bull," and numerous engagements have taken place, always with the shedding of much "Cat's-fur."

Matriculated 1902, Private, "A" Co., rat year; First Sergeant, "B" Co.; Captain, "B" Co.; Advertising Editor of Bomb; Manager of Gym Team, 1904-05; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German.

STEELE, FRANK B. Keystone, W. Va.

The secret of success is constancy to purpose.—Disraeli.



"Beauty," "Dutchy." Thinks Sir Gilbert Parker wrote the "Right of Way" for his express benefit. Has the reputation of making a success in anything he undertakes and has excellent judgment on all subjects except feminine ages. Has to get a new coat every year to hold in his strutting energy. If you want to find out what a real cyclone sounds like, step in 61 sometimes when he's asleep and don't get scared at the noise. Thinks he can tell you all about the ways of women from personal experience, but we think it's only "The One Woman" that's the cause of it all. After four years at the V. M. I. he is beginning to lose his "Dutchy" accent.

Matriculated 1901. Private, "B" Co., rat year; Fifth Corporal, "A" Co.; Third Sergeant, "D" Co.; First Lieutenant, "D" Co.; Vice-president, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German; Right end, F. B. T., 1903-04 and 1904-05; Business Manager, BOMB, 1905.

WHARTON, JOHN O. Dallas, Texas.

*"The old oaken bucket, the iron bound bucket,
The moss-covered bucket, which hung in the well."—Wordsworth.*



"John O.," "J. O.," "Jump-about." Of wonderful acrobatic attainments, can act the role of "Maud" the mule to perfection. Says it isn't a bit hard for him. "John O." has an awful amount of beard. They do say, that when the Lord made him he stood him in front of a fence and threw his scalp at him. "J. O." dodged and it hit him on the chin, and has remained there ever since. We won't swear to this, but it does seem likely, for when "John O." really needs a shave he looks like a wheat field at harvest time.

Matriculated 1902. Private, "C" Co., rat year; Third Sergeant, "C" Co.; Second Lieutenant and Quartermaster; Gym Team, 1903-04 and 1904-05; Marshal, Final Ball; Marshal, Final German.

WILLIS, W. TAYLOR.....Gordonsville, Va.

"Hail! The conquering hero comes!"



"Hero," "Serg.," "Lady Lovekins." Scarcely five feet tall, with the dawn of youth yet upon his lip, he holds down the job of "Private-secretorum." Reminds one of a large pair of shoes tied to a very small boy. Treat him kindly, mother earth, for he is young and innocent and easily led astray. Has an enormous appetite for one so small, and the expression, "Robinson, get some fresh growley," is heard at every meal. Gets reckless sometimes and plays poker for matches, and takes a drink of water. Can't see why a flush beats two pair. Can sing some, and say "Dog-gone" with a foreign accent. Takes great delight in giving short dissertations to Col. T. on "Bugs" and "Worms."

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History of 1905

FOR the fourth and last time we come before the public with our little tale of woe. As this is our last time up, Mr. Knocker, please put away your stick, and you stern critic, it is not fair to take

advantage of us when you know that we won't have another crack at you.

It is true that we are few in numbers as you can see from the roll, but every man loves '05, and we have been drawn together as only such a number could be. From present indications every member of '05 will get his dip at finals, it being the first time since we have been here, and probably for many years before our time, that this has happened. We can't lay claim to any prodigies among our number, nor to being an unusually bright class, but there is herein pictured a bunch of dispositions ever ready at the proper time and occasion for either pleasure or work.

Having entered the Institute in the fall of nineteen hundred and one, hazing having been abolished the previous year, we are not able to tell you as the preceding classes have done that we were treated worse than any class ever here. We got our share, however, but it was in a milder form. Our rat year passed quietly and without much excitement, with the exception of the trip of the Corps to the Charleston Exposition.

Returning in the fall of nineteen hundred and two, at the end of our first furlough, we were minus a great number of our classmates who did not return, we are sorry to say, but we gained some good men that fall who entered the class, and they have since shown their worth in every department.

All contributed in December of that year to the fireworks escapade, which is on record as the most daring and well executed stunt of any former class, but that deserves mention elsewhere. The outcome was the loss of about sixteen of our members, good ones, too; men whose places in the class have not since been filled.

At the beginning of the second class year we missed several other familiar faces, and everything passed smoothly, the year terminating with the annual ball, which has ever been a success.

That brings us up to the present time, and mighty glad we were to have that time come. It is true we have enjoyed the privilege of being cadets although not following the paths strewn with roses, but even the greatest pleasures sometimes become monotonous. Nearly every man has worked this year for we appreciated the importance of the final year. By an addition of two more subjects to the course, we found ourselves up against the real thing, and not much time to rush Lexington society, nevertheless she has some stand-bys.

In Athletics, '05 has always taken part, but never has she been as prominent as this year. Her men have stepped well to the front in every branch. To the Football Team she contributed James, Steele, and Morison, while Conrad and Booker stood first in line of substitutes. James, captain of football, with a single year's practice, never failed to put up a star game, while Steele and Morison, a pair of burly ends, did fine work the whole year. In baseball, the team not having been picked, we cannot tell what we can do. Conrad, having made the team for 1903-04, enters upon his duties as captain of baseball this season, and we expect good work. Craighill, James, Morison, and Steele are trying for a place on the team, and '05 bids fair to furnish a pair of twirlers. In gym athletics members of '05 constitute pretty much the whole team, Craighill, Wharton, Morison, James and Hobson all being good men. Craighill, captain of the team, puts up star work, and every one of them is an all round worker.

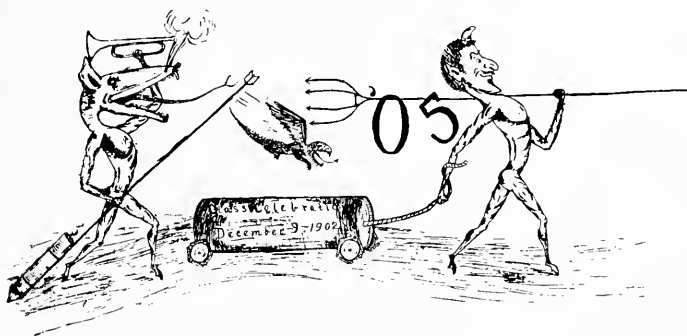
Nineteen hundred and five has always stood high in athletic spirit, even where she could not take part. Some of her men are natural born rooters. Here's to V. M. I. Athletics, no matter what kind, and may V. M. I. keep her place in Southern college sports, which she has so justly gained by reason of her clean college athletics.

There is no further use in taking up your time, for a true history of this class would fill a volume by itself, but would probably not interest you. We want to tell you right here that numbers do not count, and it is only the men back of the numbers that do. We have a small class, but are proud to say that we are as one big family, and have always been so. We have worked together through the four happiest years of our lives, and are looking forward to many a happy reunion in later years. May the men of old '05 climb high up on fame's immortal ladder, that V. M. I. may point out their names with pride, as having been turned out of the old mill.

HISTORIAN.



"Bull Conrad"



A Roof Garden Entertainment

Scene—High pinnacle in Hades.

Time—Night of December 9, 1902.

Cast—Mephistopheles and a bunch of devils.

"Lights out in 100!" The signal announcing that the sentinel on Number 1 and the corporal of the guard had been "Nipped" and stowed away, neatly tied and gagged in the gymnasium, came from the fake sentinel in the courtyard. The next second the stoops were filled with dark figures hurrying noiselessly toward Number 14. Barracks slumbered peacefully on. Only the quick soft footsteps broke the stillness and the gliding forms gave a ghostly appearance to the scene.

Black cold night spread her sable wings over this dark brood of hers as each one dropped cautiously from the window of Number 14 and made his way at a run to the back of the academic building. So far the carefully laid plans and calculations had worked as smoothly as machinery. Not a hitch had occurred. Not a sound in the sleeping barracks had a suspicion. The guard was trussed up safely in the gymnasium chewing the rag—literally—with themselves and wondering what was going to happen next.

The night was ours; the thing was done, and now it only remained to spread a bright crimson tint over the appearance of things in general.

At the back of the academic building a pile of something curiously resembling sky-rockets and roman candles and other implements of a like nature was rapidly disappearing as each imp pulled a clothes-bag from around his waist and packed it full. Every bag was filled in short order and, Mephistopheles himself leading, the march to the roof began. Through pitch black darkness, over boxes, up flight after flight of steps they went, until at last the ladder leading up to the trapdoor opening into the clock tower was gained. Here a halt was called while the lock was being forced, and after a little scientific work with a crowbar the naughty five legion crawled out through the window of the clock tower on to the roof.

Still not a sound from barrack; cadets, subs, and faculty slept the sleep of the innocent. The surprise was to be complete.

His Satanic Majesty, in a red sweater and gymnasium shoes, kept his forces well in hand. No bungling was to be allowed. Each man emptied his fireworks in piles along the roof and provided himself with plenty of matches. Among the other things brought up were a drum and bugle. Every man then picked out the biggest cannon cracker he could find and at a signal from Mephisto touched a match to the fuse and tossed it into the quadrangle. For a second the silence was unbroken, then fifty-four giant crackers tore it into bits. The drum and bugle let drive together and soul scorching yells rent the air.

It would be useless to attempt to describe the sounds let loose from this pinnacle of Hades upon the auditory nerves of man below. It lasted amidst glaring red lights and soaring rockets and roman candles, directed in any and all directions for about three-quarters of an hour. Cadets and subs, in varying degrees of negligee, ran out on the stoops, only to seek immediate shelter in some friendly doorway from the storm of bombs and rockets.

Many and various were the thoughts of those snatched thus rudely from the arms of Morpheus. Some thought it was general assembly or long roll and that the magazine had blown up. Some had bright visions of Gabriel's trumpet and the day of judgment. Members of the Astronomy class guessed a comet had suddenly matriculated at V. M. I. or that Mars had been so rude as to bump into our globe.

At last the division inspectors lit their lanterns and ventured out on the stoops to inspect barracks. Although the ammunition of the party on the roof was nearly exhausted this proved to be a dangerous experiment—as was forcibly demonstrated several times during their inspection.

After this was over the Powers that be gathered themselves together and advanced on the stronghold of the enemy. Owing to the lack of ammunition on the roof their way was unimpeded and soon they were thundering at the very gates of the fortress.

We do not know who it was that mounted the ladder and demanded through the trapdoor our unconditional surrender and invited us to come down and be slaughtered, but alas! the lambs were shy of the shambles and desired to dance a little while longer on the roof and say funny things about the people below.

Then said the Powers that be, "The night is bitter cold; we will lock the trapdoor on the inside and let them spend the night meditating upon their fate in the morning."

Strange to say, as soon as this move was discovered, it immediately occurred to the fiends above to smash in the trapdoor and descend. This they did and Mephistopheles leading, came down the ladder. Their reception was very gratifying. Some were even furnished with a guard of honor with fixed bayonets as far as the guard house.

Now this is the end of that part of the entertainment in which the imps took the leading part. The rest of the programme consisted mainly of a solo by General Shipp.

M. L. C.



Mush

A small family of three, consisting of father, mother and son, lived a few years ago on a farm near the site of old *James-town* in the State of Virginia. The name of the old man was Con Craig and the son was called Carl.

Early one beautiful spring evening Carl had taken a seat on a log in the nearby woods to read a *Book-er* two, but soon became interested in a solitary *Martin* which was fluttering around in the dusky woods. *E-glint* of light occasionally pierced the growing darkness, and as the bird seemed bewildered, Carl decided to eat it. He started after the bird, but tripped over a low hanging *Loop* of vine, and fell, striking heavily the *Whart-on* his nose. The *Bowles* which he let out made his father think some one was *Steele-ing* corn on *Craig-hill* and *Con-raddle* in hand hurried with *Marshall* step to *LaM on't*, no matter who or what it was. Mrs. Craig, not knowing what troubled *Her man*, followed, as he had promised to *Will's* property to her, and she didn't propose to lose him until he had done so. She determined to make it a case of *Hobson's* choice with him when she found him.

About this time *Carl ton-ed* down a little, and noting the excitement, hurried after the other two. It is usually the case that the *More-a-son* is wanted the less he is around, but *Owen* to Carl's curiosity he arrived this time just behind his parents at a gypsy *Camp*, where his father had run into a man who was collecting taxes. Con had paid the taxes and handed to Carl a receipt signed "*Per-kinslow*," after which the trio quietly returned home to brood over the results of a wild desire of a boy for a bird.



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Total, 56.		

History of 1906

CAN it be possible that we, who but a few days ago, it seems, were being drilled in cits and white gloves by half scared, self conscious corporals, are now standing at the threshold of seniority? The records say yes, but the thought of it is too unnatural for belief. How can we ever control our love for mirth and frolic and settle down, cloaked in the forbidding dignity of first classmen? Truly there must be great changes in our natures if the reserve of the Senior is to be upheld during the coming year.

But enough of this, and let us to a few events of our past session.

To begin, our former president, M. T. Jones, of Pennsylvania, betook himself to Dickinson College to pursue Law. And having no mercy at all on us our vice-president, W. R. C. Cocke, of Virginia, after a stay of about two days, decided to enter the University of Virginia for an M.D. This loss of our two first men was deeply felt by all, and though it would suit us much better to have them with us, they will always have the heartiest wishes of our class for their success. To fill the positions rendered vacant by their leaving, we elected B. Lyerly, of Tennessee, president, and W. G. Fraser of Texas, vice-president, and their services have proved the wisdom of our choice.

Exams came and went; some wept, some rejoiced. But very few wept. We're not a dumb lot and there will be very few in '06 who will fail to carry off the much desired skin. It may be a cause for regret that we are not studious and take very little interest in our books, but we fail to see it that way now, and believe in "living while there's life."

We have had several officers reduced and others appointed in the battalion this year to vary the monotony, and among those reduced were some of our best men. The good old private is not to be depreciated for his absence of stripes, for as has been remarked, were it not for the privates, the sergeants would have very little to do.

Our class has been well represented in Athletics. We carried off three monograms at football, and in baseball have three. We have not yet heard

from the track and gym but we feel confident that '06 will not be found wanting. We are all proud of the success of our '06 football team, having defeated on two occasions the team of '07.

Sad to relate we had been here only a few days last fall when one of our band was so unfortunate as to be caught suffering from an overindulgence in fire-water, following which we were hustled onto the water cart for the rest of the session.

And now we must close until another year has passed, when we shall write for the last time of dear old '06.

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CLASS OF 1906

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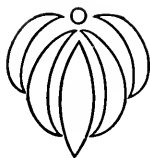
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ZUFALL, S. JOHN	Meyersdale, Pa.

Total, 81.



The History of 1907

ON me once again fortune has devolved the pleasant task of continuing to chronicle the exploits and deeds performed by this glorious, invincible Class of '07. We arrive this time upon the scene of action, not with the timid mien and fearful tread of rats, but with an air befitting our station which clearly shows that progressive third classmen are advancing to the martial strains of sophomore music.

The old days are gone and we are entering into the grand present with joyful minds full of hope and encouragement, owing to our successful career in the past. Although not so numerous as in the former period, a majority of us still remain, thereby adding another proof to the old law regarding the survival of the fittest. Some of our former members remained away, probably on account of the non-fulfillment of cherished hopes and ambitions, such as that of becoming corporals, not realizing that the private with a gun occupies a similar position with respect to greatness as the man with the hoe who has been so well fabled in verse. The body, however, as stated above, did return, among these being many, who, although their fond hopes had been blasted, still believed in the old adage, "That you couldn't keep a good man down." Quite a few of the devoted followers of this faith have succeeded admirably in their martial quest for glory, and many embryo generals stand in ranks with two bars at the bottom of their arms.

Our name is famous and has been ever since the time when, laboring under the violence of internal stress, we evolved the scheme which resulted in the stampede on the stoops, an instance memorable in the records of our career. Pyrotechnic displays have lauded our glory to the skies in fiery bursts of magnificence, and the brave heroes who aided in the accomplishment of these mighty deeds have received their full quota for services rendered, though, alas, in some cases it has been dealt out in the form of penalty tours.

The tourist league is quite an important feature in the social circles of

our realm and holds its meetings regularly on Saturdays and Sundays, meanwhile calling special ones on holidays, in order to decrease an excess of work. The object of these meetings is to promulgate a system for reducing demerits, and their plan is meditated upon while taking short walks in front of barracks, in order to gain nice appetites for supper ("coffee and prunes"), this being one of the best tonics afforded for that purpose. It seems quite an enjoyable affair to some, judging from their constant attendance, and the walls before which they tread contain many names of participants in these delightful affairs.

But while relating the pleasures to be found in the above-named organization we must not forget some important instances in the scholastic year, which, if not already marked in almanacs, certainly should be. These occurrences which are of such an important nature are, namely, the presentation of a new coat to General Washington, the sentry box's midnight promenade, and the placing of '07's flag and name upon the highest battlement of the Administration Building.

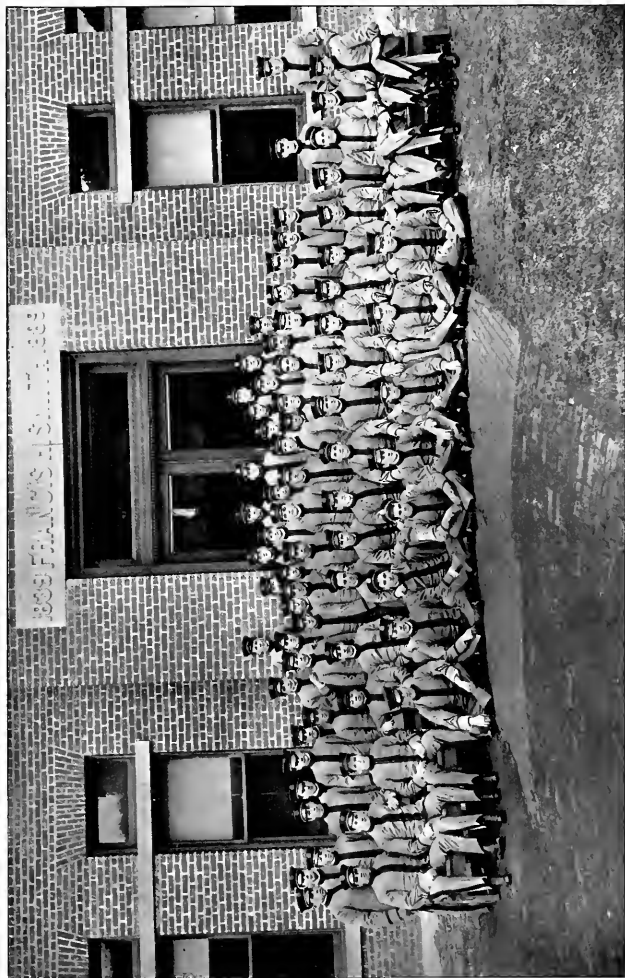
The first of these was accomplished in a very orderly manner when the shades of dusk had fallen, with the charitable thought in view of making the victim an honorary member of '07 by donating a coat composed of its colors for the purpose of protection against the wintry winds. This, however, did not call forth due appreciation from the authorities, and cleaners were quickly procured who rapidly removed all traces of the honor accorded the night before. The affair in which the sentry box was concerned occurred about the twelfth hour of a cold night in November when, it being of a very weak disposition, it was easily induced by some external force to go wandering among the trees below the parapet, where it unluckily met with an accident in which several ribs were broken and it was otherwise so badly damaged that the carpenter's hospital proved a glad haven of rest to the weary wanderer.

To the heroes of the third escapade belong as much honor as that accorded to the previous ones. For by constant reading of history they formed a desire to emulate the brilliant example set for them by Sergeant Jasper, and living up to their ambitions, scaled the topmost wall of the new building and placed their beloved colors in a position to float over its host of devoted subjects.

Concluding with Athletics, in which I am proud to state that we have kept up our good record of the previous year, I desire to dwell upon a grand battle of the gridiron that occurred between two of '07's elevens, in which the force opposed to the Anheuser Busches (so styled in honor of the famous product) proved verily to all that they belonged to "The roll of the unconquered."

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CLASS OF 1907

Class of 1908

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HIRST, J. TERRY	Purcellville, Va.
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JARVIS, J. PITTS	Noble Lake, Ark.
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JOHNSON, CONRAD	Alexandria, Va.
JONES, HARRY T	Norfolk, Va.
JONES, JOHN R	Athens, Tex.
JONES, THOMAS G	Montgomery, Ala.
LATHROP, C. PICKETT	Richmond, Va.
LEWIS, ARTHUR P	Cohasset, Mass.
LINDSEY, WALLACE N	Alexandria, Va.
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LOWE, RUSSELL L.	Baltimore, Md.
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PIERCE, REID M.....	Lynchburg, Va.
PINNER, JOHN W.....	Chuckatuck, W. Va.
PLANTS, GEORGE S.....	Seymour, Tex.
POAGUE, W. THOMAS.....	Lexington, Va.
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SMITH, WALTER C.....	Wheeling, W. Va.
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THOMSON, ROBERT R.....	Louisville, Ky.
TOWNSEND, R. FOARD.....	Columbus, Tex.
TRAYERS, EDGAR E.....	Cambridge, Md.
VIRDEN, W. HARRIS.....	Jackson, Miss.
WARD, GEORGE B.....	Fort Sam Houston, Tex.
WICKHAM, GEORGE B.....	Richmond, Va.
WILLIAMS, PHILIP W.....	Winchester, Va.
WILSON, JOSEPH N.....	Yazoo City, Miss.
WOLFE, WALTER McI.....	Chatham, N. J.

Total, 121.

History of 1908



tures, so many things had better be left unsaid.

Our debut in September is a well remembered event. For the first few weeks Lexington resembled the old town of Hamelin at the first appearance of the "Pied Piper;" there were

"Great rats, small rats, lean rats, brawny rats,
Brown rats, black rats, gray rats, tawny rats,
Grave old plodders, gay young friskers,"

and in fact every kind of a Rodent was much in evidence at that time.

In the due course of time, after necessary formalities, came drills, which had hitherto been looked forward to by the more soldierly with expectaney. Alas, three hours a day in the sizzling hot sun, in a muscular straight-jacket, "finning out" to the vast amusement of many non-combatants who visited the parade to see the first awkward attempts to keep step.

Even the first day of drill had to close, and with its end drew near the calm and sweet (?) repose of our footsore aggregation. That night at taps one of our members grasped his water bucket instead of a lantern, and not

deeming it above his authority, inspected barracks, not even excepting those rooms where the "Subs" reside. Our pretentious classmate has since resigned but it cannot be said that he was "busted" for assumption of authority as sub-division inspector.

And so on through the year; strange dykes on the stoops long before the hour of Battalion Parade; musical duets, the artists with their noses in close contact; remarkable debates in our rooms on the "Curse of the Whistling Habit," and instruction in the noble art of self-defense in 121, the big double room on the fourth stoop. In all these pastimes we figured conspicuously, now in barracks, and the next Saturday in front of barracks "Patting bricks" as punishment for some behavior inconsistent with regulations.

Toward the middle of the year, after many of these pleasantries had passed never to be forgotten, the high waters of the Nile cast up several waifs to join our numbers. But as soon as they had received military instructions on how to "fin" (if the command be—"Fin out"), they were let loose to roam at will on the fourth stoop with their classmates.

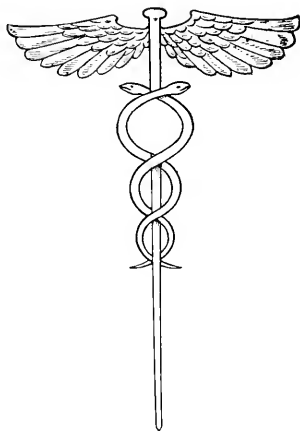
The more stoical, if not inclined to smile at the many attempts that we have made to amuse the old cadets, will, perhaps, be interested to hear of the short intellectual career that we have passed through in our sojourn at the Institute. Some have "maxed" their subjects and stand near the head of the roll; these are the few who have perused their books, while their less studiously inclined brethren read the latest novel or spent their time wondering if Shakespeare had them in mind when he wrote "A Midsummer Night's Dream," or post number 6 after taps. But intermediates have passed and most of the members of '08 still seem to be here in all hopes of hearing at least one "Auld Lang Syne." It seems more fitting though to leave all explanatory remarks pertaining to the condition of our sluggish cerebrums and cerebellums to our professors, only trusting that they will not make us out quite as bad as we are.

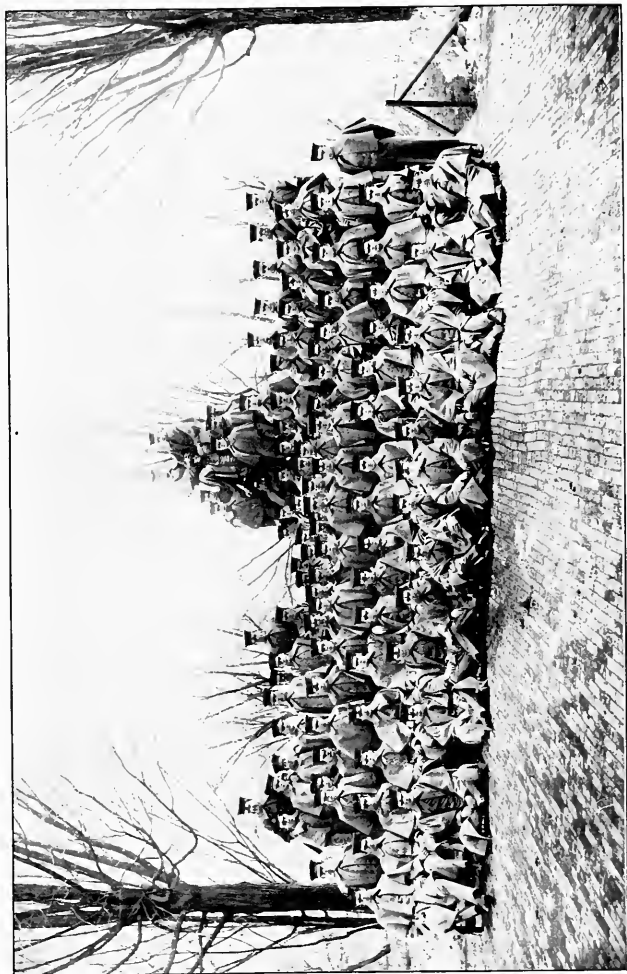
Several of our classmates chose the "Hill" instead of the academic building for their field of learning, and instead of translating German or solving mathematical problems made, probably, far greater efforts to understand the quarter back's signals or to solve the pitcher's curves. The more energetic were lucky and got places on the teams where they helped to sustain the prestige of V. M. I. They were rats, but "a man's a man fa' a' that."

There does not remain much to be said as our studies, pleasures, and methods of passing our moments of leisure have all been touched upon in the endeavor to present our class history. The ink is getting low, there is an old

cadet on guard and no chance to visit and borrow some, so I will have to close. Our best wishes to our professors and friends here who have placed themselves in such a very pleasing light before us; and to ourselves, may our leisure hours in the future be so many that we can look back at our first year in V. M. I. with pleasure and gratification, and may we make of it a sort of ideal for future thought and contemplation.

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Recapitulation

Virginia	127
Texas	35
Tennessee	12
Kentucky	11
West Virginia	11
Missouri	9
Mississippi	8
New York	8
Pennsylvania	8
Alabama	7
Maryland	6
North Carolina	7
Georgia	6
Illinois	4
Louisiana	4
South Carolina	4
China	3
District of Columbia	3
Arkansas	2
Michigan	2
Minnesota	2
Ohio	2
Porto Rico	2
Colorado	1
Kansas	1
Massachusetts	1
Mexico	1
New Jersey	1
Total	288



MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Military Instruction at the Virginia Military Institute

Owing to the efforts of Colonel H. C. Ford, commandant from the middle of the session, 1901-1902, until June, 1903, and Major L. H. Strother, Twenty-Eighth U. S. Infantry, commandant since September, 1903, the course in military instruction at the V. M. I. is excelled by no school in the country unless it be West Point; and taking it into consideration that the government appropriates the equipping of the national school, we stand a fair comparison with the greatest military school in the world.

It is indeed appropriate that the V. M. I. is called the "West Point of the South." The report of Colonel Mills, Inspector-General, will bear me out in this statement.

LEXINGTON, VA., June 2, 1903.

To the Adjutant-General, U. S. Army,

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of an inspection of the military department of the Virginia Military Institute made in pursuance of orders from your office.

The details as to this institution have appeared in previous reports.

Major L. H. Strother, Eleventh Infantry, is the military instructor. Major Strother is a capable, efficient, and zealous officer, thoroughly well qualified for the position. He is a graduate of the institution, Class of 1877.

This institution is conducted on strictly military lines, closely resembling in the details of life and duty of the cadets the United States Military Academy.

The battalion of cadets was in camp at date of inspection.

I reviewed the battalion which presented an excellent appearance. Cadets are well set up, commands properly given, distances good, and step accurate in both quick and double time.

There were 14 cadet officers and 206 men present at inspection. There were 6 men absent from inspection, all on furlough.

Battalion and company drills in close and extended order were well executed. A battalion drill in Butts' Manual of Physical Exercise was executed to music and extremely well done. Ceremonies, guard mount, and dress parade were fine. Arms and accoutrements are in good condition. Uniforms neat and well fitting.

I inspected the camp of the battalion which was in extremely good condition. Guard duty is properly performed.

The entire conduct of this institution is worthy of the highest praise from a military point of view. Its graduates are fitted for commissions in the Army, and it would be a great gain to the service if a fixed number of appointments of Second Lieutenants in the Army—say five per year—could be assigned to this institution, to be awarded on the recommendation of the faculty. So thorough and complete a course of military study and discipline should be recognized by the government.

I desire to recommend for appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Cadet Captain L. H. McAdow, first class, Virginia Military Institute. Cadet McAdow desires the appointment. He has been a cadet here for four years and is rated by the faculty as first in military proficiency. He would, in my judgment, make an excellent officer.

The arms at present used are the cadet rifle, cal. .45. This institution should be furnished S. B. L. rifles, cal. .30, and two modern breech loading field pieces in order that instruction may be up to date. There are no field pieces belonging to the United States at the institution, and artillery drill has been dispensed with on account of lack of proper guns.

The theoretical instruction conforms to the requirements of G. O., 94, A. G. O., series of 1902.

Very respectfully,

(Sig.) S. C. MILLS,

Colonel, Inspector-General.

I will attempt to give an outline of the discipline during the four years of Cadetship.

The course of military instruction commences when the new cadet returns from the Quartermaster's with his cap and white gloves. Under the careful attention of a non-commissioned officer he is drilled twice a day for three weeks in the "School of the Soldier" and the "School of the Squad."

The constant practice and final perfection of these details, coupled with "Setting up Exercises" that soon follow, have a marked effect upon the recruit. By this time his knowledge of tactics is such that will permit a position in the company. All during this time dress parade is held every day at sunset and continued throughout the year.

Company drill is continued for about two weeks, and then the four companies form a battalion, which is drilled in all formations and extended order until the winter months prevent.

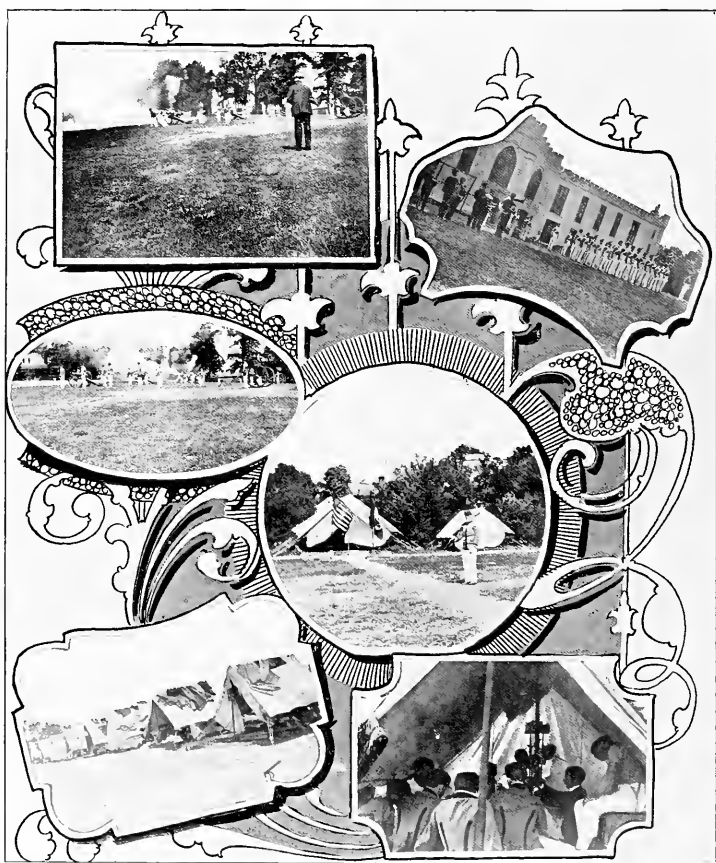
During the winter the drills are continued in a spacious gymnasium, the fourth class having gymnasium work besides attending the drill in Butts' Manual with the battalion. Also about two weeks is devoted to Aiming and Sighting drill and estimating distances.

On the advent of spring the fourth class resumes squad drill, the third class is organized into a signal corps, while the second class comprises a battery of two platoons, each containing three pieces. The first class has instruction in Topography and Military Field Engineering, which is followed by company and battalion drill, which soon puts the battalion in perfect condition.

This routine continues until the summer furlough in June, which is preceded by two weeks' encampment.

The interior discipline of barracks is composed of four divisions, each under the control of a tactical officer and cadet captain, and all under direct charge of the Commandant. Guard Mount is held every morning before the academic duties begin.

From 6.00 a.m. until Taps at 10.00 p.m. the Corps is always occupied. The routine goes on from day to day, and in four years the recruit is developed into a man, fully capable of facing the broad difficulties of life, either civil or martial.



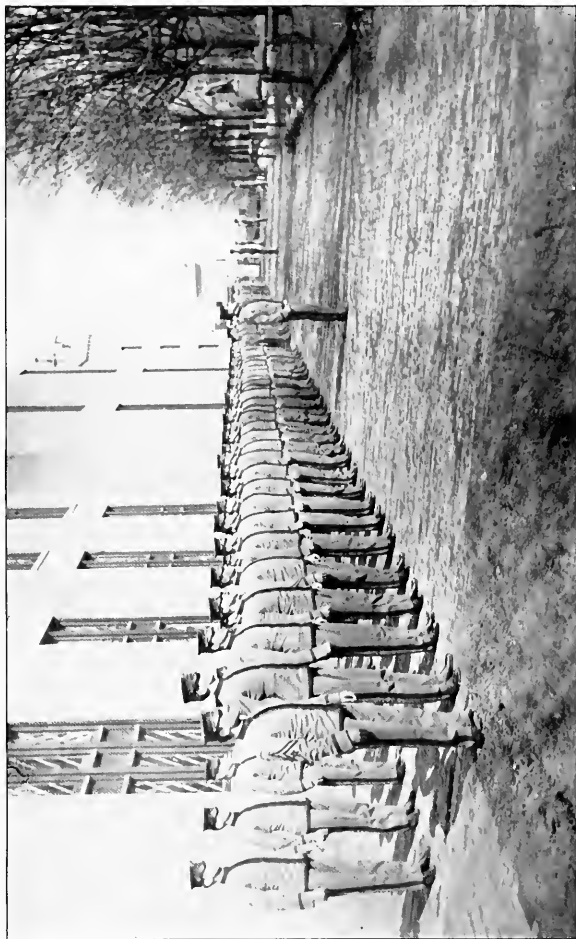
Col. Lewis Harvie Strother

COLONEL LEWIS HARVIE STROTHER, (Major) U. S. Infantry, graduated at the Virginia Military Institute in 1877. Appointed Second Lieutenant, First Infantry, September, 1879. Graduated at the Infantry and Cavalry School in 1885. Promoted to First Lieutenant, First Infantry, September, 1885. Captain, First Infantry, April, 1898. Transferred to Twenty-Second Infantry, January, 1899. Transferred from Twenty-Second to Twenty-Sixth Infantry, April, 1903. Promoted to Major, Eleventh Infantry, April, 1903. Detailed as Military Instructor at the Virginia Military Institute, 1902. Regimental Quartermaster, August, 1880, to March, 1882, and May, 1887, to August, 1888. Regimental Adjutant, March, 1889, to August, 1890. Major, Engineer Officers, May, 1898. Honorably discharged from Volunteers, May, 1899. Lieutenant-Colonel, Thirty-Second U. S. V. Infantry, July, 1899. Honorably mustered out of Volunteers, May, 1901. Aide-de-Camp to Major-General Merritt from January, 1895, to May, 1898.





GUARD MOUNT



MEAL FORMATION



COMPANY "A"



Company "A"

Sponsor—MISS NELL BROCKENBROUGH

RUSSELL JAMES, *Captain*

R. Y. CONRAD, *First Lieutenant*

J. M. MARSHALL, JR., *Second Lieutenant*

J. C. SNEAD, *First Sergeant*

Sergeants

SUTHERLAND

ELLETT

BLOW

DAVANT

Corporals

RILEY

MARSHALL

STUDY

LYERLY

MONTGOMERY

TATE

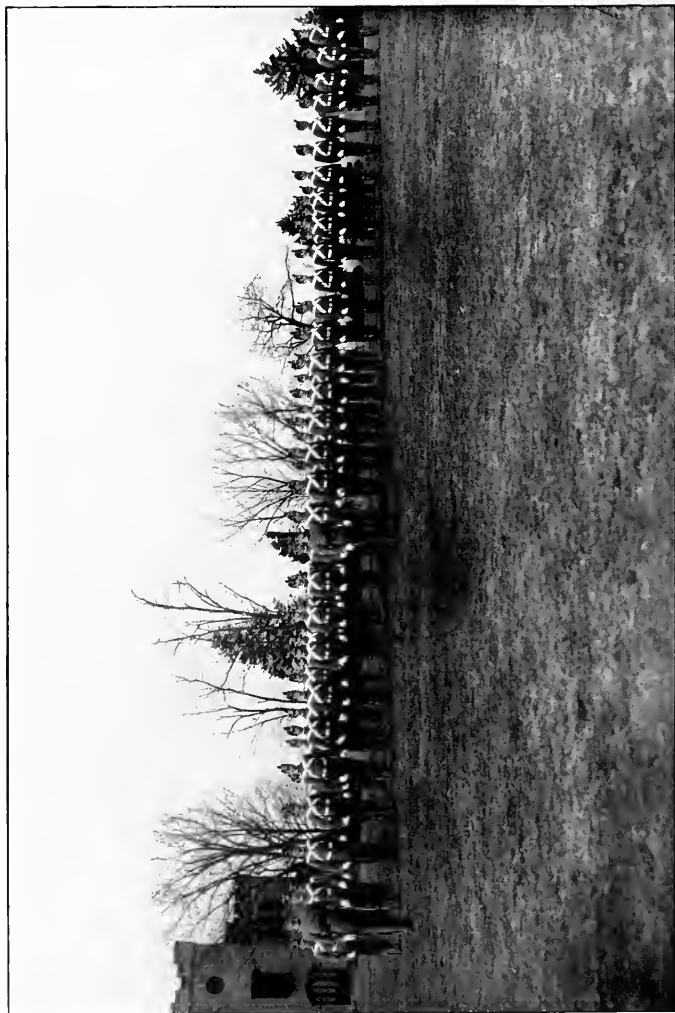
Privates

ADOUE
ANDERSON
BADER
BAILEY
BARKSDALE
BEDLER
BROWN, J.
BROWN, S.
CAMPBELL
CARR
DANIELS
DAVANT

EARLE
EDWARDS
ERCK
FACE
FICKES
FAULK
FLOYD
GOMBERT
GUNNELL
HANCOCK, A.
HANCOCK, H.
HARRINGTON

HERMAN
HEWSON
HIRST
HUNTER, C.
HUNTER, G.
KIMBERLEY
LOOP
MC CREERY
McCORMICK
MINNIGERODE
NEWMAN
NICHOLLS

OFFUTT
OWEN
PAUL
RANKIN
ROBERTSON
REDMOND
SPRAGINS
STAFFORD
TABB
WARD
WELLS
WILSON



COMPANY "B"



Company "B"

Sponsor—MISS ROSA V. SMITH

KENNETH S. PERKINS, *Captain*

M. L. CRAIGHILL, *First Lieutenant*

R. A. MORISON, *Second Lieutenant*

B. LYERLY, *First Sergeant*

Sergeants

DOYLE

BELL

ATWILL

LEFTWICH

Corporals

O'REILLY

MORRIS

ADAMS

JOHNSON

TOWNES

ROWE

Privates

BAGLEY

BARNES

BROOKE

BYRD

CAMP

CHAMBERS

CONVERSE

DANCE

DAVENPORT

DIGGS

DOYLE

DRURY

DUNLAP

ELEBASH

ENGLEMAN

FERRELL

FRASER

FUDGE

FULTON

GENTRY

GIFFEN

GREER

JOHNS

JONES

JUDD

LEWIS

LOWE

MEADER

MAJOR

MALONE

MARSTON

MORGAN

PAUL

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PERKINS

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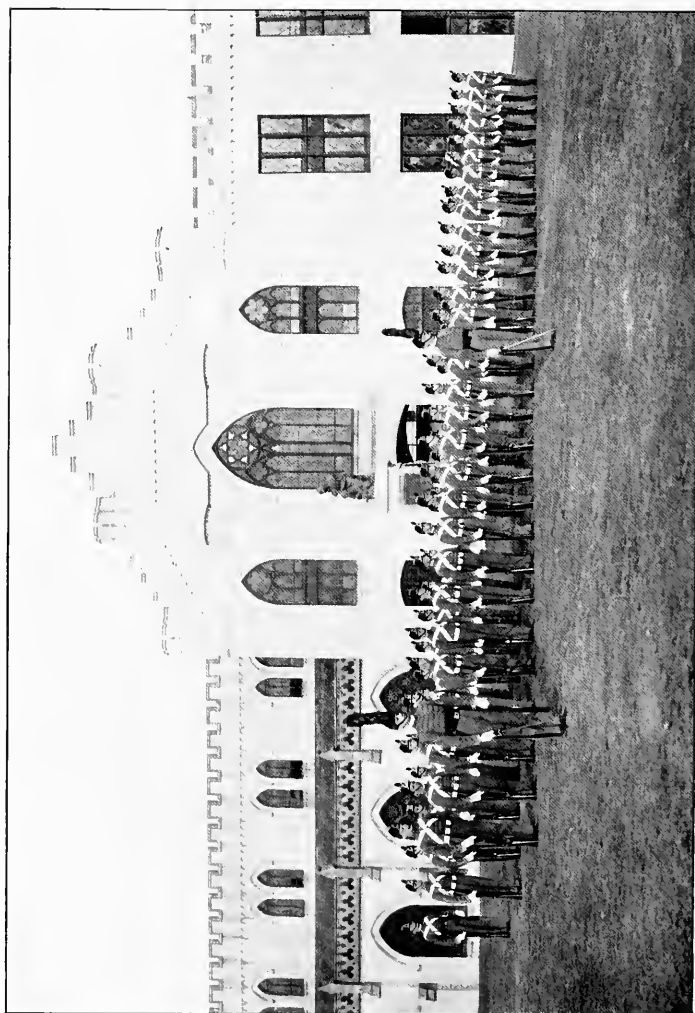
TAYLOR

TOWNSEND

WEN

WINSTON

YOST



COMPANY "C"



Company "C"

Sponsor—MISS ELIZABETH MONTCASTLE

*CHESTER H. LOOP, *Captain*

†H. W. T. EGLIN, *First Lieutenant*

H. T. CARLTON, *Second Lieutenant*

A. G. CAMPBELL, *First Sergeant*

Sergeants

GOODLOE

PERRY

SCHNEIDER

ROUNTREE

Corporals

COCKRELL

SEBRELL

JONES

GRAVES

MANRY

IRWIN

Privates

ALLEN

DOSTER

GRANT

ROSS

BAIRD

DUNBAR

LAMONT

QUISENBERRY

BRIDGES

DRAYTON

LATHROP

RIDDICK

BRITTON

DYKEMAN

LANGSTAFF

RIDDICK

BURROUGHS

EDWARDS

LINDSEY

SAUNDERS

CASKIE

EFFINGER

MALONE

SMITH

CARTER

FRASER

MARKHAM

SCHMIDT

CHAMBLISS

FARISH

MCCREY

SYDNOR

CHEN

GARCIA

MILLNER

VRDEN

CHEW

GAY

NASH

WEN

DASHIELL

GORDON

PEEK

WHITE

DEKLE

HARWOOD

PLANTS

WHITNEY

DEWEY

HARRISON

POAGUE

WILSON, C.

DOCKERY

JOHNSON

PERCIVALL

WILSON, J.

*Lieut. U. S. Army.

†Promoted to Captain.



COMPANY "D"



Company "D"

Sponsor—MISS MARY GRAVELY

RORER J. MARTIN, *Captain*

F. B. STEELE, *First Lieutenant*

H. W. BOWLES, *Second Lieutenant*

L. H. PHISTER, *First Sergeant*

Sergeants

DODSON

NOTTINGHAM

TAYLOR

CAFFEE

Corporals

POLK

PACE

BECKNER

McKUSICK

GILL

KAIN

Privates

ADAMS

ASTIN

BAIN

BARRETT

BELL

BOGART

BOND

BROOKE

BROWN

CAMP

CHARLTON

COX

DANIEL

DeVAULT

DEXTER

DONNAN

DUNCAN

DOCKERY

FRASER

FRAY

GREEN

HEADLEY

HOBSON

JARVIS

JOHNSON

JONES

JONES

MASSIE

MACDONALD

MORGAN

OWSLEY

PIERCE

RANKIN

REILLY

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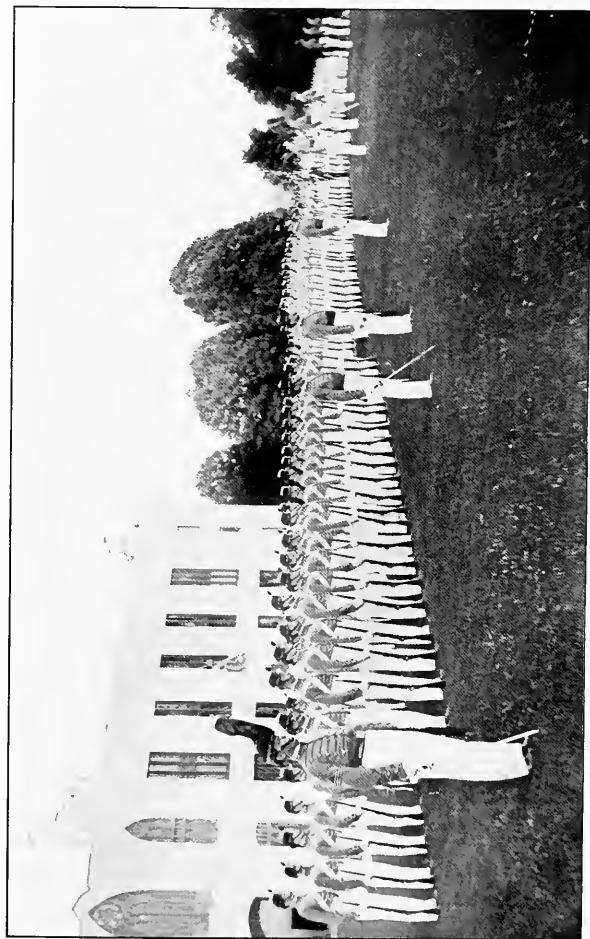
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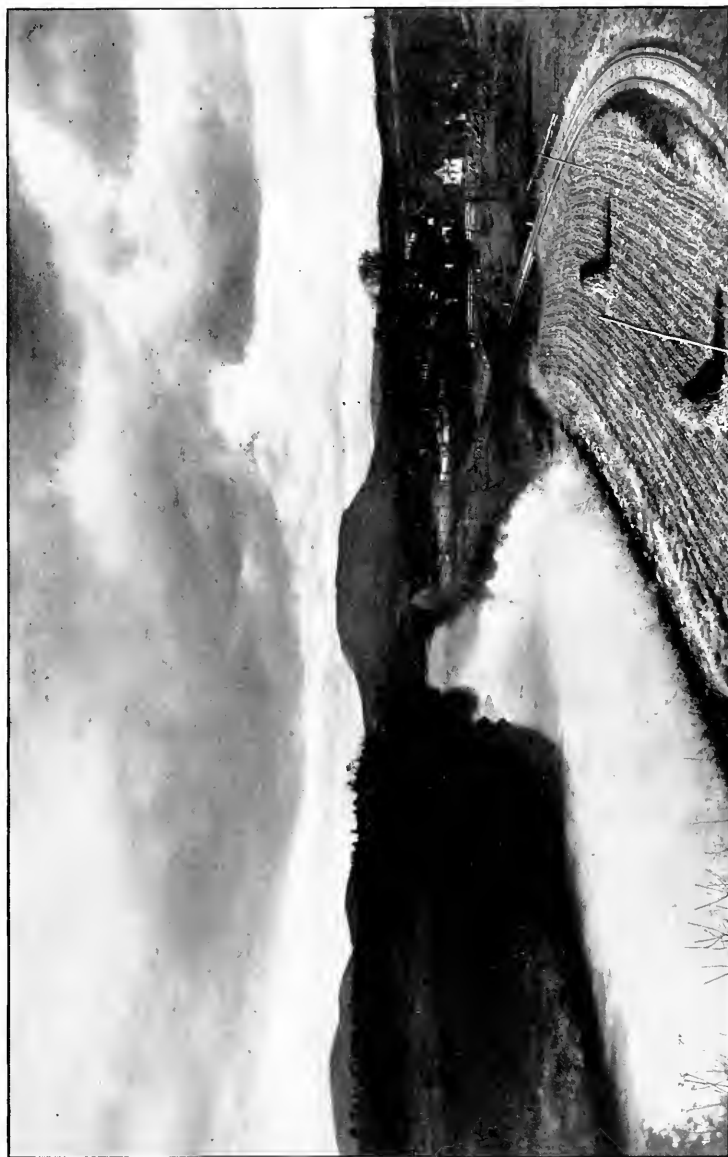
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BATTALION PARADE



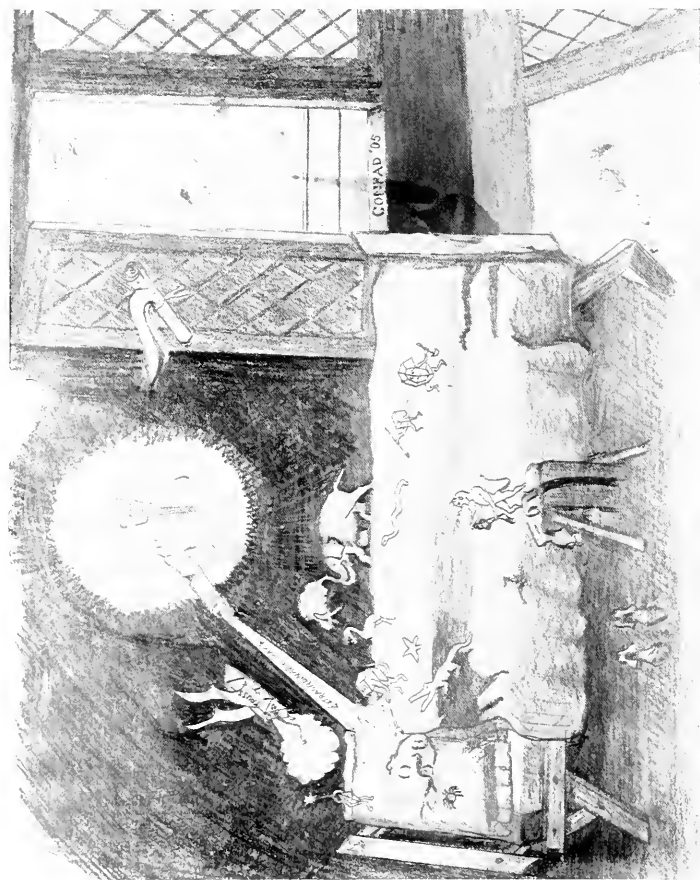
NORTH RIVER



"THE DAYS OF '61"

“The Days of '61”

As I sit before the firelight in
A retrospective mood,
And smoke my pipe in silence
To ease the solitude
My mind begins to wander and
I find before my eye
A picture old and treasured
Of the walls of V. M. I.
I can see the brave battalion
In the uniform of gray,
And the grim determination
The day we marched away.
I can see the Cadets charging
And capture every gun,
And I catch the martial spirit
Of the days of '61.



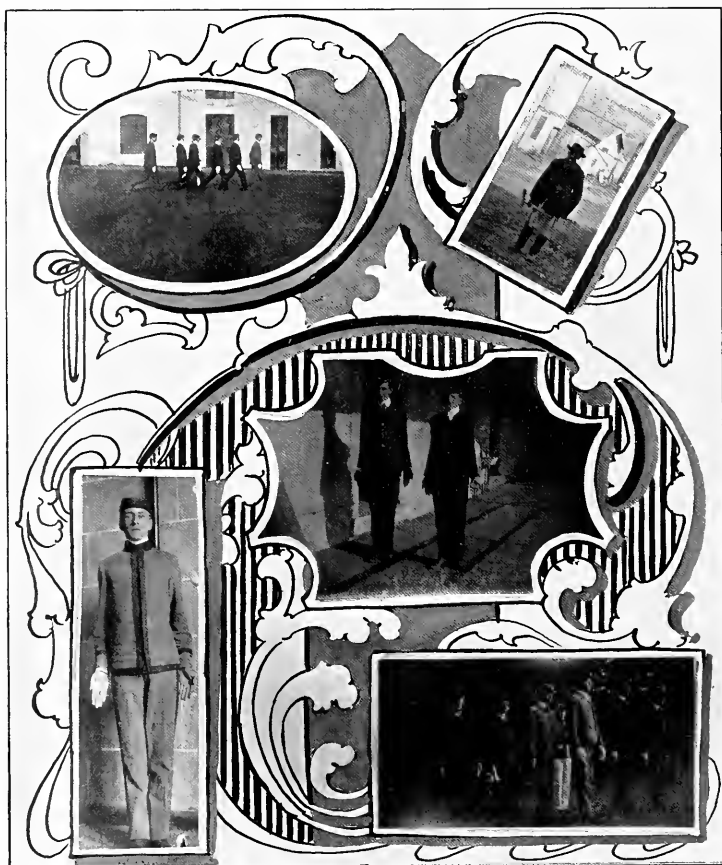
A FIRST CLASS-MAN'S NIGHTMARE

Heard in the Laboratory

Said the Crystal to the fossil,
 "You're old and out of date.
You are far too metamorphosed
 For a Tertiary date.
Go seek the Squid and Nautiloid,
 The Trilobite and Leech,
And join your fellow-fauna
 On the old Primordial beach."

Said the fossil to the Crystal,
 "You are by far too rude
And show too much assertion
 For an Isometric cube.
You're a bore to all first-classmen,
 And should not feel so warm;
There's nothing half so simple
 As a Holohedral form."

H. W. T. E., '05.



"RODENTS"

"Rodents"

I remember, I remember
My rathood days of yore,
The visits of Third classmen
They were an awful bore,
They always found my Xmas box
And never failed to play
An awful havoc on the cake
And take the rest away.





TEASING

To Sue

My own sweetheart, my jolie Sue
 With hair o' gold and eyes o' blue
 And oh! such airy, fairy grace
 That none, oh none can take the place
 O' you, o' you
 My jolie Sue.

My own sweetheart, my little Sue,
 With red, red lips, and heart so true,
 And such a winning 'witching smile,
 That all the hours would I beguile,
 With you, with you
 My little Sue.

My own sweetheart, my dainty Sue,
 With small, small waist, and tiny shoe,
 I turn my head when you cross the street,
 But oh, those tiny, tiny feet
 Is't you? Is't you?
 My dainty Sue.

My own sweetheart, my own dear Sue,
 How oft', how oft', I think of you,
 And wonder if, as days go by,
 In vain I'll long and dream and sigh,
 For you, for you,
 My own dear Sue.

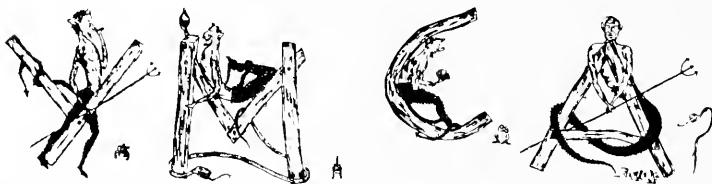
My jolie, little, dainty Sue,
 Is't hold to say that we two
 Will wed? And wander 'long love's ways,
 Where birdies sing their sweetest lays,
 To you, to you,
 My love, my Sue.

* * * * *

My answer? What! So soon! so soon!
 Methinks she hath read in the moon
 My love. And framed the answer, yea,
 To verses written her to-day
 It is full soon,
 O moon, O moon!

Whose own sweetheart? My jolie Sue?
 My vengeance ne'er can follow you.
 My heart, my heart, my heart is broke,
 I think I'll lay me down and "Croak,"
 You vixen Sue.

R. A. M., '05-18.



W. R. NICHOLS.....*President*
 E. R. SUTHERLAND.....*Vice-President*
 C. B. BELL.....*Secretary and Treasurer*

ALL who understand the peculiarities of the life in a strictly military institution know that the religious work as conducted in most colleges and universities must be modified to suit the conditions of the school. The compulsory performance of many military duties, short recreation, and almost entire lack of the refining influence of the gentler sex, tends to make the cadet become perhaps careless and thoughtless as to language and morals, and so the V. M. I. cadet may sometimes appear irreverent and irreligious to those who do not know him. But notwithstanding the many difficulties which would influence one away from home and religious training, his life, which is spent mostly within the walls of the barrack, is not entirely without religious influence.

The Y. M. C. A. in school is an entirely voluntary work. It is run solely by cadets. At the meetings it is the endeavor of the officers to make the members of all the classes present feel on the same level. Such informality tends to do away with restraint and it is this feeling that makes it easy for the members to speak before the Association. It is the outward demonstration on the part of the cadets themselves that makes the work so successful.

The meetings are held regularly twice a week. Sunday night as a rule the programme is made up of cadets. Tuesday night Dr. McBryde, pastor of the Episcopal Church in Lexington, conducts a Bible Reading Class. From time to time other ministers of the town come down to speak to the Association. In fact, much interest is taken in the Y. M. C. A. work in the institute by the pastors of the town, by the Superintendent, as well as by members of the Faculty.

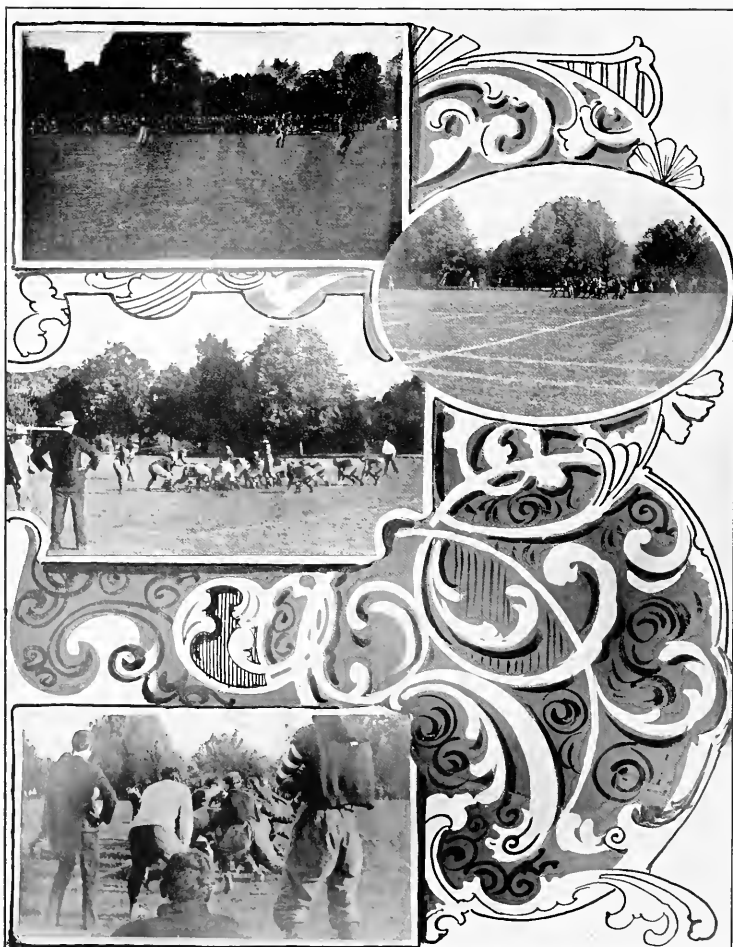
The Association was established in the institute in 1882, and twenty-two years of experience goes to show that it does more toward inducing a cadet to continue his home religious training than any other influence under which he may be brought.

Connected with the association and run pretty much entirely by some of its members are two Bible classes. These classes meet every Sunday morning to go over together the daily readings of the preceding week. This year one class is studying the Life of Christ, and the other class is studying the Life and Works of Christ. The text-books used may be changed from year to year.

Through the visits of traveling secretaries and by sending delegates to the State Convention every year the Association in the institute is kept in constant touch with the work and growth of the Y. M. C. A. in other parts of the country.

At the State Convention this year V. M. I. was represented by Messrs. R. J. Martin, W. R. Nichols, E. A. Saunders, G. Harrison and J. H. Adoue.





The Roanoke Trip

THE Corps was agreeably surprised and pleased when it was allowed to accompany the team to Roanoke Thanksgiving for the annual football game with V. P. I.

Thanksgiving Day came at last and with much tooting of horns and other blowing off of superfluous steam boarded our Special for Roanoke.

There we were greeted by a large number of the natives and V. P. I. cadets, and after handing out a few samples of our restrained powers we streamed up to the Hotel Roanoke; having there deposited our goods and chattels, we started out to see the town. As is always the case with "Keydets," we soon learned more about Roanoke than the natives ever will know, but got rather hungry in doing so and repaired again to the hotel for feed.

The time was now approaching for the game, and having put away all the food in sight, we were ready to go out and do all that was in us to win it. The battalion was formed on Jefferson Street and marched directly to the grounds. Here a good crowd had already collected, and we were very much pleased to see a large number of V. M. I. supporters both in the grandstand and on the side lines. The Virginia College girls were right there with the goods. They presented a very picturesque appearance dressed in white and beribboned and bespangled with various and sundry V. M. I. decorations.

We were assigned our place on the side lines and prepared for our part of the coming struggle. The teams soon came on the field and after some snappy practice lined up for the "Kick-off."

On comparing the two squads we soon saw that we were up against it. While our team was good, and we knew it, they did not present an uniformly large appearance, while all of V. P. I.'s men were heavy and their team, on the whole, was much the stronger of the two.

I won't go into a detailed account of the game. We of the side lines did our part, and when we saw a pair of Red, White and Yellow legs twinkling toward our goal, we set up a yell that startled Roanoke's present prosperity. V. P. I. scored a touchdown in the latter part of the first half and kicked

goal, placing the score 6—5 in their favor; this did not worry us a bit, and we were confident of seeing a few things in the second half.

Here, however, the superior weight of V. P. I. began to tell heavily against us, and despite our continuous rooting combined with the desperately stubborn defense of the team, two more touchdowns were scored against us, placing the final score at 17—5.

Of course we were disappointed at not winning the game, but we did our best, and the Corps was in every way satisfied with the work of the team.

We wish to thank our supporters for their loyal rooting and trust that next year they will have ample excuse for a celebration after the game.





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CIGARS

CIGARETTES

POMERY SEC.

DEWAR'S SCOTCH SELTZER

*Of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are "It might have been."

Toasts

Toastmaster, C. H. LOOP

Our Class H. W. T. EGLIN

Subs CAPTAIN PEARSON

V. M. I. Girls J. M. MARSHALL, JR.

Athletics R. JAMES

V. M. I. in 2000 H. W. BOWLES

Auld Lang Syne



A Bunch of Violets

Between the leaves of memory's book,
Midst the pages of days gone by,
I found there pressed and withered and dead,
Something that caused me to sigh.

It was only a bunch of violets,
Their fragrance had long since fled;
Yet, as I lifted them tenderly,
The voice of the past softly said:

"Thou wanderer turn and retrace thy step
O'er the pathway of long ago,
Refresh thy mind with this picture of time."
I turned, and I looked and 'twas so.

By the soft glowing light of a wintry fire,
A gray clad youth and a lass demure,
Were sitting, and he was telling a tale,
As he looked into eyes so clear and so pure.

As he whispered his story, she sweetly said:
"I give you these violets, take them from me,
They tell you I love you, and when you see them,
Remember my thoughts, that are only for you."

Faded and worn are those blossoms now,
As they rest 'tween the pages of memory gray,
Yet that fireside message still lived for the lad,

When he went in the world and battled his way. H. P. FRY, '01.



Heroes of the V. M. I.

Notable Achievements of the West Point of the South

Bravery in the Civil War

Magnificent Charge of the Corps of Cadets at the Battle of New Market. Came to the front during the war with Spain. Prominence gained by its representatives in civil life

Editor Post: In the complete and interesting account given by the *Post* of the great inaugural parade few omissions or inaccuracies could be detected by the most critical reader. Well merited praise was given in your columns to the many organizations, both military and civic, which contributed in making this grand pageant a perfect success and probably the most imposing military demonstration ever seen in America since the review of General Grant's victorious army upon its return to Washington in the spring of 1865.

In one particular, however, your comments regarding the St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., were incorrect. You state in reference to this school and its fine cadet battalion that although the military training of its corps was not made a special feature until 1884, still the St. John's College "Boasts of a larger percentage of her alumni in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and State Militia than any other college in the country." As this is a proud boast and an enviable record, allow me, without disparagement to this excellent school and its fine corps, to challenge the accuracy of this statement.

Contests St. John's Claim

West Point graduates and cadets will, I think, tell you of the many military colleges in the United States, except, of course, our national academies at West Point and Annapolis, there is but one which has been strictly military since its inception. That college is the old Virginia Military Institute of Lexington, Va. To her belongs the proud distinction claimed by the St. John's College of Annapolis, Md., a precedence won by her unequaled record in peace and in war.

From the graduates and alumni of this military college a larger proportion of trained officers and soldiers have been furnished to the Army, Marine Corps, and the National Guard of the United States than any other civic college in America. The origin of the Virginia Military Institute, it is true, is not so old as that of the St. John's College of Annapolis, but its record as a military and technical college will surpass that of any of its competitors.

It was founded in 1838 and has for sixty years been trained and matured by West Point graduates and by officers of the United States Army, and well does the result attained in this period demonstrate the value of such training and redound to the credit of its great prototype, the United States Military Academy at West Point. The Virginia Military Institute has won for itself the name of "The West Point of the South," which title West Pointers to-day, with true soldierly gallantry, are ready to concede.

Under that great West Pointer and American Soldier, Stonewall Jackson, its youthful corps was trained and first marched out to do service, in actual war, and thirteen months of active service, with two skirmishes and one battle can be emblazoned upon their banners.

Heroic Deed at New Market

At the battle of New Market on the fifteenth day of May, 1864, this corps of cadets, 250 strong, charged through grape, schrapnel, and double shotted canister and captured a six-gun Union battery, losing in this magnificent charge proportionally more of their number than was lost in the famous charge of the 600 at Balaklava. Of this charge a brave Union officer, Captain Franklin E. Town, of New York, who was a participant in the action, has written as follows:

Standing on the crest of this slope after a short time I observed a line forming in the ravine at the foot of the hill, which seemed about like a regiment in extent, but so "smart" and "natty" in appearance as instantly to suggest our own pet Seventh Regiment of New York City. They appeared more like militia on parade than troops in campaign. We very soon were able to identify the command as the Battalion of the Virginia Military Institute, and certainly a more soldierly appearing corps never faced an enemy.

After perfecting their alignment, this young regiment advanced towards our battery. It approached only a short distance, when it halted and turned back toward the ravine. There was no apparent disorder, nor did it seem that they were falling back in panic, but rather as if by some change of plan and in pursuance of orders.

The battalion remained but a short time in the ravine and again advanced. They came on steadily up the slope, swept, as it was, by the fire of these guns. Their line was as perfectly preserved as if on dress parade or in the evolution of a review. As they advanced our guns played with utmost vigor upon their line, at first with schrapnel, then, as they came nearer, with canister, and finally, with double loads of canister. As the battalion continued to advance our gunners loaded at the last without stopping to sponge, and I think it would have been impossible to eject from six guns more missiles than these boys faced in their wild charge up that hill. But still they advanced steadily, without any sign of faltering. I saw, here and there, a soldier drop from their line and lie where he fell, as his comrades closed up the gaps and passed on. Their pace was increased from a quick step to a double time, and at last to the charge, as through the fire they came on, and up to the guns, which they surrounded and captured, our artillerymen giving way when the bayonets, having passed the guns, were at their breasts.

Absorbed in the Spectacle

I watched this action from my position but a few yards from the left of the battery and was so absorbed in the spectacle that it did not occur to me that I might possibly be included in the capture until the presence of the enemy between me and the guns brought me to a realization of the circumstances, and I did not then consider it expedient to remain longer where I was.

History abounds in records of attacks and defenses which stir the blood and command the admiration of all who can appreciate manhood, and chivalry, and heroism; but these tales are expected to be written of veterans, seasoned to battle in many campaigns. But when one stops to think that this charge was made by a battalion of young lads, boys, who there earned their spurs of knighthood before their lips were tinted with the down of a coming beard, the action looms up more grandly and gives promise of future great achievements of men, who, as boys, could do so well. As a military spectacle it was most beautiful and as a deed of war it was most grand.

I don't believe the history of war contains the record of a deed more chivalrous, more daring, or more honorable than the charge of these boys to a victory which veterans might well boast.

Record Through the War

In this bitter struggle of civil war nearly every alumnus of the college was an officer or a soldier. To the Southern Army the Virginia Military Institute furnished many of its officers, including one Adjutant-General to the Commander-in-Chief, Robert E. Lee, two General Chiefs of Artillery, five Major-Generals, twenty Brigadier-Generals, ninety Colonels, seventy-one Lieutenant-Colonels, 109 Majors, 196 Captains, and hundreds of minor officers and soldiers. To the Union Army went one Brigadier-General, one Colonel, four Lieutenant-Colonels, and many others whose records were lost.

Stonewall Jackson used this old corps, first at Harpers Ferry, at Richmond, and in the valley of Virginia, and in General Lee's army they served, at intervals, as drill masters and officers, and also in the trenches around Richmond. But now they have buried those great leaders of the rebellion under the shadow of Virginia's everlasting hills, as they have also the cause and the enmities for which they fought, and the mortal remains of these two great soldiers, Lee and Jackson, are watched over by the present corps lying within the sound of their bugles and evening gun, awaiting the judgment day. It is true that some may say that these boys were then rebels, and that such records should not be perpetuated or boasted of, but in the pride of our nationality, let us remember that they were and are still Americans, and every true American can but feel a thrill of pride when he contemplates such valor regardless of the cause for which they fought and gave up their youthful lives.

What Has Been Done Since

But in regard to the boast of St. John's College it will be asked, "What has the V. M. I. done since that entitles them to claim any preference or distinction?"

The rosters of the United States Army and of the Virginia Military Institute will show that since 1865 this college has furnished to our regular Army, Navy, and Marine Corps from its alumni nearly 100 officers, including two Lieutenant-Colonels, five Majors, eleven Captains, three Lieutenant-Commanders, and a long list of first and Second Lieutenants. In the present Cadet Corps of West Point and Annapolis, which marched in the inaugural parade, some twenty young officers have first worn the gray uniform of the Virginia Military Institute. In the Marine Corps a similar list of officers from its alumni can be found. But in the Spanish-American war, when the

services of trained soldiers was needed by the country, practically every alumnus who was physically qualified applied for service, and there were mustered into the great volunteer Army of the United States from the graduates of Virginia Military Institute one Brigadier-General, five Colonels, two Lieutenant-Colonels, nine Majors, twenty-nine Captains, and an unknown number of First and Second Lieutenants.

Again in the National Guard of the United States the Militia of many States, particularly in the South, are commanded by Virginia Military Institute alumni. Of these, there are eight Adjutant-Generals, two Inspector-Generals, two Major-Generals, six Brigadier-Generals, one Surgeon-General, fifteen Colonels, seven Lieutenant-Colonels, nine Majors, thirty-six Captains, with fifty or more First and Second Lieutenants who are ready to give their services to their country when called upon.

Victories in Civil War

In civil life in the administration of State and National Government the alumni of the Virginia Military Institute shows no less distinguished record. To the National Congress she has given five Senators, and fourteen Representatives; to the Executive Departments one Minister to China, one Solicitor-General, one Fish Commissioner, six Foreign Consuls, and many officers to the Coast and Geodetic Survey; to the State Governments two Governors, fifty-five Judges, 102 Members of the Legislature, and many other State officers.

In the development of this and other countries the Virginia Military Institute has also established an enviable record. Her roster shows fourteen Presidents and General Managers of great railways, six Managers of city railways, and a host of civil, mining, mechanical, and electrical engineers.

In law, literature, and art it would be only prolonging the list to attempt to recite them, but in the great educational work of this country the alumni of this College includes fourteen college Presidents, 125 college Professors, and 271 Assistant Professors.

And this record is all from a roll of 1845 graduates and about 5500 matriculates.

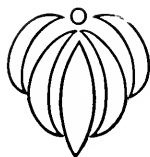
With such a record of service and efficiency the pride which this old corps takes in its past, and the consciousness of being ever ready to repeat its record for the benefit of their country in the future, renders their claim

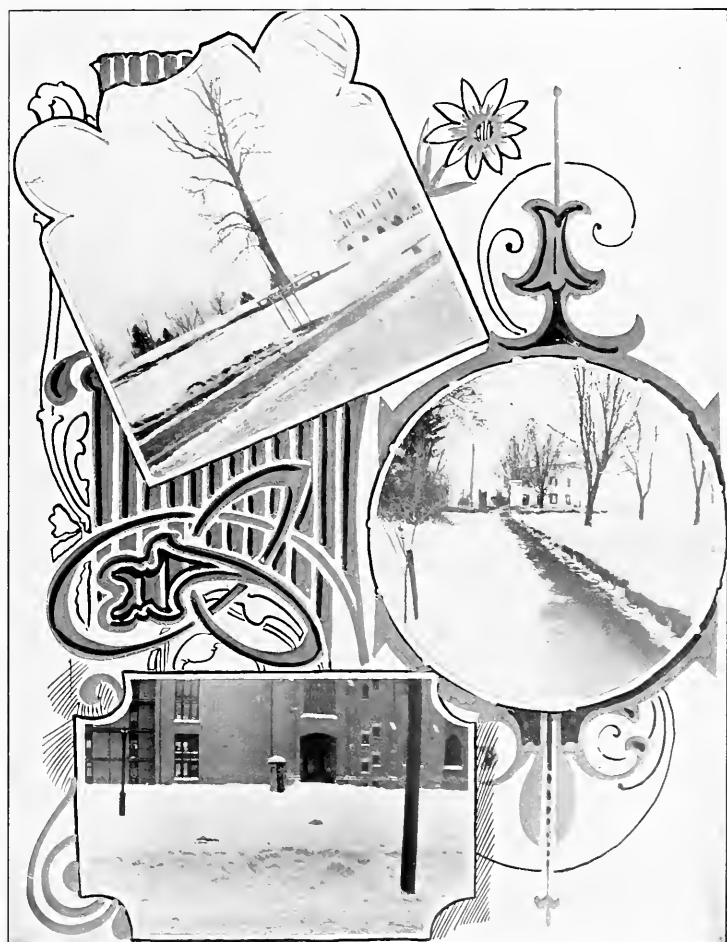
for precedence at least pardonable, for the pride of a soldier and his *esprit de corps* is the very essence of his efficiency.

If then the St. John's College can surpass and show a better record in peace and war than that of the Virginia Military Institute, the Virginia Military Institute will be the first to concede them the honor of which you state they boast.

"Palman qui meruit ferat."

AN ALUMNUS.





Class Songs, 1905

(Tune: Heidelberg.)

Here's to the Class of Nineteen-five;
Here's to the Purple and Gold,
Here's to our classmates strong and true
To the colors that they uphold.
Long may they live and spread her fame,
May her memory never die;
Here's to the glory of her name
Here's to old V. M. I.

Old Nineteen-five, old Nineteen-five,
Our memories long will hold
The name of each and every one
On our dear old class roll.
Where'er we meet, on land or sea,
In near or foreign clime,
Like brothers true we'll grip the hand
As in days of Auld Lang Syne;
With friendship true we'll grip the hand
For sake of Auld Lang Syne.

M. L. C., '05.

(Tune: Rah! For the Black and Blue.—Johns Hopkins.)

I.

Come captains bold and haughty,
Come lieutenants and raise a cheer,
Come privates with your don't care looks,
Come classmates, have no fear;
Come all ye men of this dear class
And help to drain the bowl.
We'll sing the praise of old Naught-five,
The Purple and the Gold.

CHORUS.

Rah! For Naught-five, boys;
Jolliest bunch alive, boys.
All know the hell we raise,
We'll take one of wine, boys;
We'll feel sublime, boys,
To '05 give the praise.

II.

The years we've spent together
Are the happiest of life;
The years so full of gladness,
The years with pleasure rife.
We'll think when we are gray, boys
Of days at V. M. I.
Of days we've sung together
And never knew a sigh.

R. A. M., '05.

(Tune: The Last Rose of Summer.)

I.

On the ninth night of December,
And the air was cold as hell;
'Twas a night we all remember
With the Sentry's "All is well!"
'Twas the night we had a gathering
Of all of '05's brave,
And we charged the sleeping barrack
With noise to rouse the grave.

CHORUS.

"Ee-ee-ee," said ancient Billy.
"Bosh," said "Naughty-five."
"Do you want fire-works for breakfast?
And will you take them à la vive?"

II.

On the twelfth day of December,
Just in front of Jackson Hall,
We had not one defender,
Yet, they could not us appall.
They imprisoned us in all their might
And made us P. T.'s pace;
But of all the memories of that night
Not one can they erase.—CHORUS.

R. A. M., '05.



The Graduate-Elect

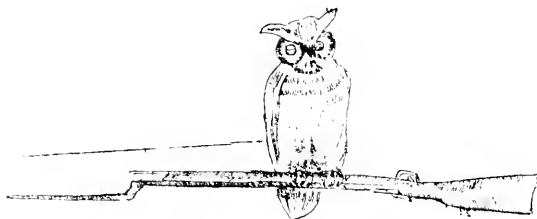
I.

With "Cits" and "Dip" of sheepskin rare,
A new suit case, what need I care,
For empty honors, Stand or Fame,
Grant me but this,—My humble name,
Upon a Dip to certify
A graduate of V. M. I.

II.

Beyond the final's pageantry,
A citizen in "Cits" I see.
My uniform I'll lay aside
And face the cruel world so wide,
With "Cits" and "Dip."

H. W. T. E., '05.



The Cadet Dialectic Literary Society

G. F. GUNNELL, '06.....	<i>President</i>
C. B. BELL, '06.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
L. DEKLE, '07.....	<i>Secretary</i>
A. H. ERCK, '08.....	<i>Treasurer</i>

THE Cadet Dialectic Literary Society is the only society among the Cadets of the Institute. Formerly there were two societies—The Cadet and Dialectic—but these combined into the present society several years ago.

The object of the Cadet Dialectic Literary Society is, as its name implies, to make cadets able to speak and read in public if ever called upon to do so.

The society has a large room in barrack where all its meetings are held. The society is presided over by a President, assisted by a Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms. These officers are elected annually from the different classes, the only provision being that the nominees for offices shall have been members of the society for at least one year, with the exception of the Treasurer. The President is elected from the First Class, Vice-President and Sergeant-at-Arms from the Second Class, Secretary from the Third Class, and Treasurer from the Fourth Class. These officers, with the exception of the Treasurer, are elected in June of each year and assume their duties the following September.

Meetings are held every Saturday night from immediately after first inspection until tattoo. At these meetings different cadets address the society on subjects given them at the previous meeting, while others take part in a debate on some important subject of the day. About once a month the society gives what is called a "Set-up." At this meeting the members are all treated to plenty of ice cream, cake, etc., and all have a good time generally.

At finals one night is given for the final celebration of the society. This meeting is held in the Jackson Memorial Hall and the public are invited to be present. Gold medals are offered by the society for the best declaimer, debater, orator, and reader.

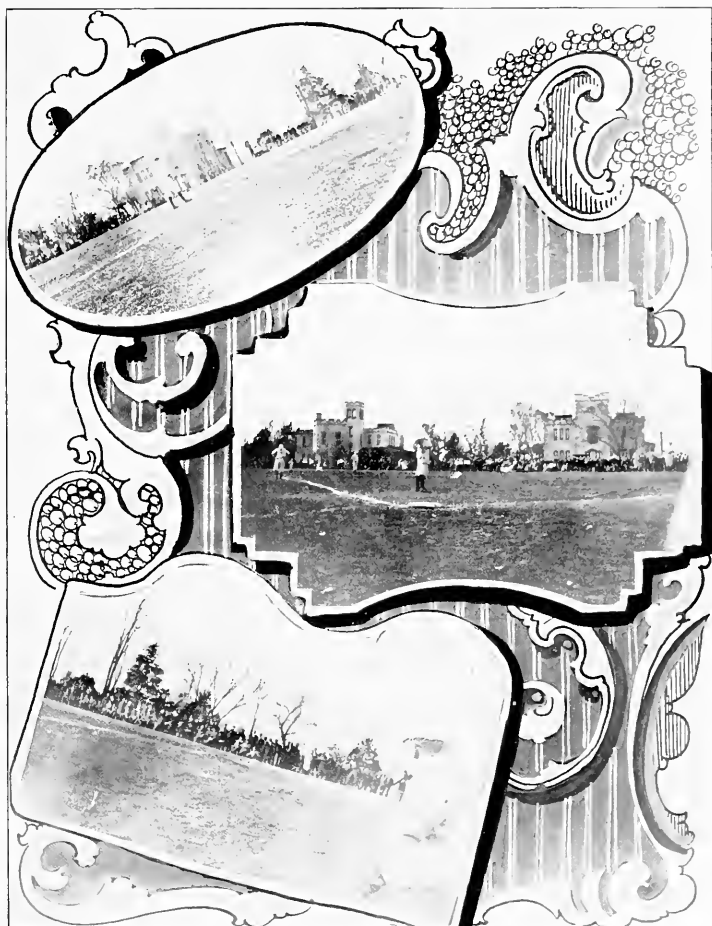
Cadets who are not members of the society but who are thinking of becoming members are always welcomed to its meetings.

G. E. GUNNELL, '06.





"MORGAN"





ATHLETICS

Athletic Officers

Athletic Executive Committee from Faculty

N. B. TUCKER.....	<i>President</i>
H. C. FORD.....	<i>Vice-President</i>
M. B. CORSE.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
H. P. HOWARD.....	<i>Medical Adviser</i>

From Cadets

R. JAMES, '05	A. B. TALIAFERRO, '06
W. RILEY, '07	R. W. MASSIE, '08

Football

R. JAMES, '05.....	<i>Captain</i>
M. L. CRAIGHILL, '05.....	<i>Manager</i>
L. H. PHISTER, '06.....	<i>Assistant Manager</i>
W. W. ROPER (Princeton)...	<i>Coach</i>

Baseball

R. Y. CONRAD, '05.....	<i>Captain</i>
R. A. OWEN, '05.....	<i>Manager</i>
R. S. DODSON, '06.....	<i>Assistant Manager</i>
W. W. ROPER (Princeton)...	<i>Coach</i>

Gymnasium Team

M. L. CRAIGHILL, '05.....	<i>Captain</i>
K. S. PERKINS, '05.....	<i>Manager</i>
J. S. ADKISSON (U. Va.).....	<i>Instructor</i>

Track Team

R. JAMES, '05.....	<i>Captain</i>
R. A. MORISON, '05.....	<i>Manager</i>
J. S. ADKISSON (U. Va.).....	<i>Coach</i>

Entitled to the Monograms

Football, '04. Red Sweater

JAMES, '05	TALIAFERRO, B., '06	BECKNER, '07
STEELE, '05	DODSON, '06	ETHERIDGE, '07
MORISON, '05	CAFFEE, '06	STUDE, '07
CONRAD, '05	RILEY, '07	PACE, '07
MASSIE, '08	FRASER, D., '07	

Baseball, '04. Red Sweater, Yellow Border

CONRAD, '05	TALIAFERRO, B., '06	FRASER, G., '06
ATWILL, '06	GOODLOE, '06	SEBRELL, '07

Track Team, '04. White Sweater

MECREDY, '06

Gymnasium, '04

CRAIGHILL, '05	JAMES, '05	WHARTON, '05
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Athletics

This year's Athletics has been kept up to the mark by hard work and plenty of it—that is, as much of it as conditions so often told of in former Bombs have allowed. We will not enumerate these obstacles which the V. M. I. has to surmount, except to state that they are now just as difficult as ever. With scarce three hundred men to pick from we put teams on the field that hold their own among the best institutions in this part of the country.

At the opening of the football season this fall we were very much handicapped by the return of only three of last year's men, one of whom had not made the team. The entire back field along with the greater part of the line had graduated and consequently Coach Roper had a practically green squad to pick from. But with hard work and old V. M. I. spirit our team was well up to the notch and was considered one of the best she has ever produced. Owing to the fact that the schedule was the hardest a V. M. I. team has been up against in the past years, the team's work was simply great. To show this, she put three men on the All Southern, and we all know what that means.

The prospects in Baseball were much better to start with than in football, as nearly the whole of last year's team returned. The schedule here is even more of a proposition than in football, and despite much of the hard luck we are having, hope to come out to the good in the end.

Gymnasium and Track Work have been unavoidably interfered with by the above two branches, but with all of last year's team back there is much to hope for.

Athletics has received the accustomed support of the corps, and with the prospects in view for next year, cracking good teams ought to be turned out.

Foot



Ball

Team, 1904-1905

R. JAMES, '05	Captain
M. L. CRAIGHILL, '05	Manager
L. H. PHISTER, '06	Assistant Manager
W. W. ROPER, (Princeton)	Coach
E. H. JOHNSON, '04	Alumni Coaches
E. F. G. DOYLE, '04	

Line-up

STEELE, '05	Right End
PACE, '07	Right Tackle
STUDE, '07	Right Guard
RILEY, '07	Center
FRASER, D., '07	Left Guard
ETHRIDGE, '07	Left Tackle
MORISON, '05	Left End
TALIAFERRO, B., '06	Quarter-back
BECKNER, '07	Right Halfback
JAMES, '05	Fullback
MASSIE, '08	Left Halfback

Substitutes

CONRAD, '05
CAFFEY, '06

DODSON, '06
GRAVES, '07



FOOTBALL TEAM

BASE BALL.



R. Y. CONRAD, '05	Captain
R. A. OWEN, '05	Manager
R. S. DODSON, '06	Assistant Manager
H. W. BOWLES, '05	Official Scorer
W. W. ROPER, (Princeton)	Coach

Team, 1905

DE VAULT, '07	Pitcher
GOODLOE, '06	Catcher
TALIAFERRO, B., '06	First Base
FRASER, G., '06	Second Base
GORDON, '07	Third Base
SEBRELL, '07	Short-stop
CONRAD, '05	Center Field
POLLOCK, '08	Left Field
ATWILL, '06	Right Field



BASEBALL TEAM

Gymnasium Team, 1905

M. L. CRAIGHILL, '05

K. S. PERKINS, '05

J. S. ATKINSON (U. Va.)

..... *Captain*..... *Manager*..... *Instructor*

JAMES, '05

MORISON, '05

WHARTON, '05

HOBSON, '05

CAFFEE, '06

NICHOLS, '06

CHARLTON, '07

MARKHAM, '07

LOOP, J., '07

BARRETT, '07

BYRD, '08

ASTIN, '08

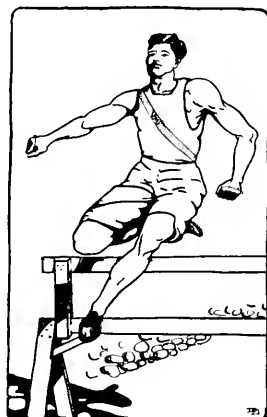
DOYLE, J., '08

JOHNS, '08



GYMNASIUM TEAM

Track



Team

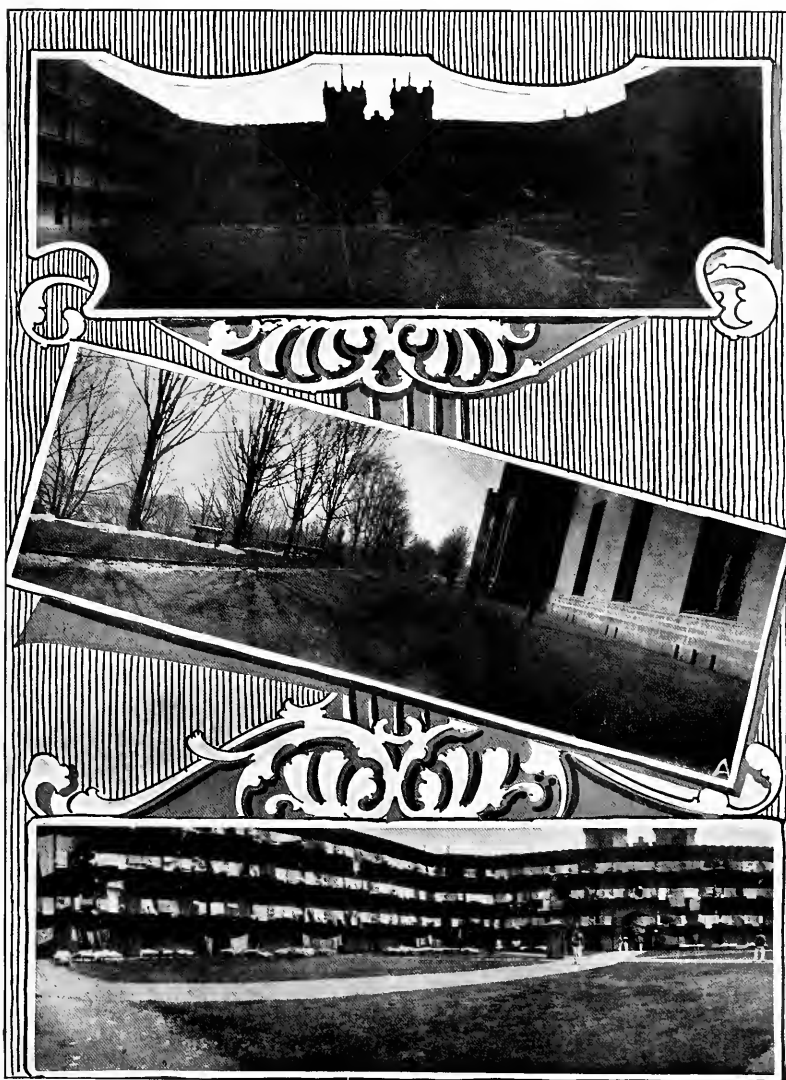
R. JAMES, '05.....*Captain*
 R. A. MORISON, '05.....*Manager*

ROELOFS, '06
 WHITING, '06
 MECREDY, '06
 POLK, '07
 PACE, '07
 BECKNER, '07
 MARSHALL, A., '07
 GILL, '07
 STUDE, '07

DAVANT, '06
 DUNCAN, '07
 NICHOLS, R., '06
 HARRISON, '07
 MALONE, '08
 GENTRY, '08
 PRAGER, '08
 MINNEGERODE, '08



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Cadet J.—Because he can't-(i)-leave-a-crane.

Said a puppy one day to his pa:
"I hold all Kidets in awe;
They say in the mess hall
We are chewed tails and all,
It's an uncanny feeling, By Gar."

Colonel S.—Mr. Camp, if a scout were in the top of a tree for the purpose of surveying the surrounding country, what would he naturally have with him?

Cadet Camp—Why, a microscope—no, a magnifying glass.

First Cadet — Why are mess hall breakfasts so swell?

Second Cadet — Because they put on so much dog.

Coach Doyle (after 565th down)—“All right scrubs—receive the kick at the other end of the field—Quick now—Hurry up—On the jump.”

First Cadet—How is the needle bath?

Second Cadet—Oh, just sew-sew.

Flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, but that does not exclude Spider Roby: nothing is said about skin and bones.

I looked into her eyes so blue,
I loved her well and that she knew.
I tied her shoe—a No. 2
I didn't hurry much, would you?

Cadet H.—I'm going to start as a draft clerk in a bank in Danville when I graduate.

Cadet M.—Open and shut the windows?

(Care to our coffin adds a nail, no doubt,
And every grin so merry draws one out.)

First Cadet—Do you know that Rev. J. O. Knott, our new Methodist preacher, always rehearses his sermons on Saturday night?

Second Cadet—No. Why does he?

First Cadet—Because he believes that people ought to “Practice what they preach.”

First Cadet—Why do the leaves in front of barracks turn crimson in the fall?

Second Cadet—Because there are so many bare limbs around.

Hocky—Mr. B., how do you get a quantity of ammonia gas?

Cadet B.—By heating up animal matter.

Hocky—But suppose you want an enormous quantity.

Cadet B.—Oh! Heat up an elephant.

Cadet M.—Speaking about jesters—I caught a joker the other night.

Cadet J.—How?

Cadet M.—Playing euchre.

Cadet O.—What will James do about smoking when he dies? Smoking is not known in heaven.

Miller—I guess he will go to Hell and smoke.

Conrad—Say, Heine, let me see your extrados.

First Cadet—Do you know Nutz's dogs are not thoroughbreds? They are part bear.

Second Cadet—What part is bare, their feet?

A young man asked a maid to wed.
"Go ask pa," the maiden said.
The young man knew her pa was dead,
We also knew the life he'd led.
He understood her when she said,
"Go ask pa."

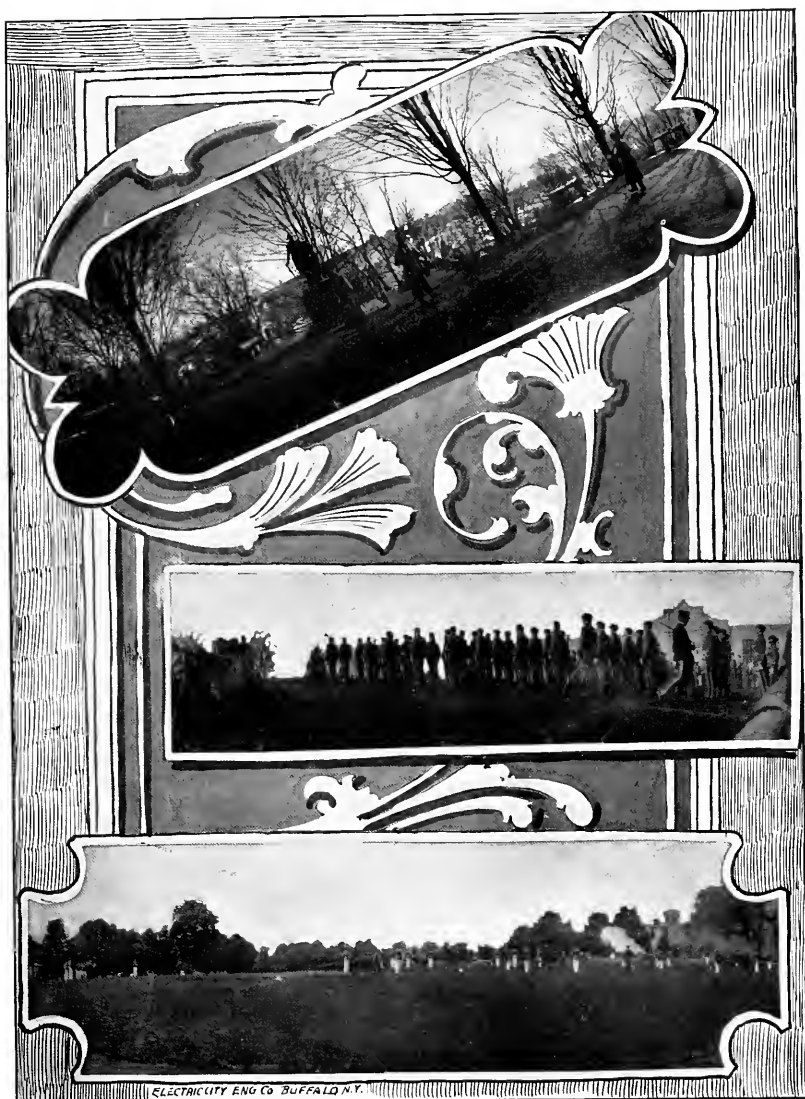
Pole Pop.—Why is it so cold in here?

Old Rat—Because it is so cold outside.

We take it for granted you've heard
Of a custom we think is absurd,
Of boning without reason
Cadets at this season.
Now there's Spider, have him caged, he's a bird.

Miller—Captain, will Hydraulics be any dryer than Bridge Trusses?

Captain Roby—It may not be. It's the study of water.



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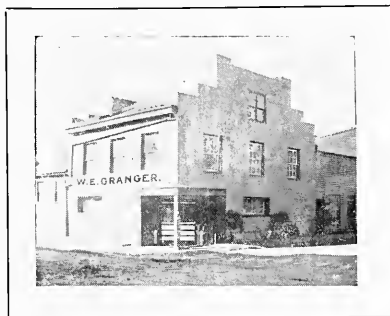


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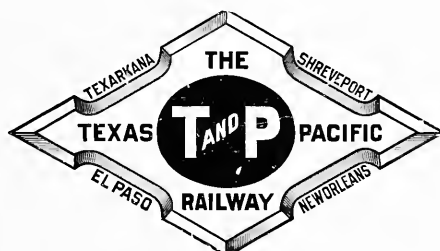
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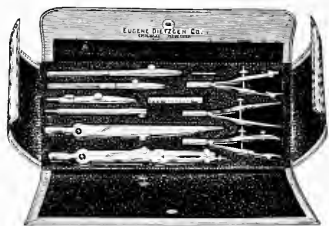
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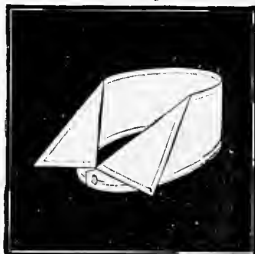
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